

CRAWFORD COUNTY AVALANCHE

Thursday, May 4, 1995

"Home of the AuSable River"

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County nixs latest landfill amendment

By Terry Wright
News Editor

The ongoing disagreement between local government and City Environmental Services Inc. of Waters (CESW), has moved onto a higher plateau.

At its Tuesday, May 2 meeting, the Crawford County Board of Commissioners turned down a proposal from CESW that would have amended the Crawford County Solid Waste Management Plan to allow them to compete for waste from a number of additional outside counties.

After a motion by commissioner John Hartman to approve the amendment, a roll-call vote split, with commissioners Dennis Long, Robert McLachlan Sr. and Hartman voting to approve the amendment, and commissioners Bruce Bretzke, Robert Smock Jr. and new commissioner Kathleen Black voting against it.

Prior to the vote a long discussion ensued when Smock motioned to disallow McLachlan from voting due to past conflicts of interest.

"That's been addressed," McLachlan said. "Mr. Huss and the Attorney General have sent down opinion after opinion. That's who we listen to."

As he happened to be in the vicinity, Prosecuting Attorney John Huss was then called into the meeting for legal counsel.

"It was my opinion then, it's my opinion now, he (McLachlan) no longer has a conflict of interest with any aspect of the landfill," Huss said. "He can discuss it and he can vote on it."

CESW purchased the former Crawford-Otsego Landfill in December, 1991. This is the second amendment the company has proposed requesting the addition of counties. In the spring of 1993, a similar proposal was defeated by a majority of county municipalities after squeezing past the county commission on the third vote.

Prior to the 1993 passage, CESW had declared a breach in the landfill sale agreement on the part of Crawford County and had threatened legal action to give the landfill back to the county, but instead CESW took a more cooperative approach working with the municipalities collectively to iron out differences.

The latest amendment included an agreement CESW had worked out with the municipalities which included 1) 20-year disposal capacity for Crawford County, 2) a fully subsidized, 10-year recycling program, 3) implementation of a CESW household hazardous waste reduction education program, 4) 10-year waste contracts for each township at reasonable and mutually acceptable terms, and, 5) indemnification for municipalities arising from costs of previous contamination.

Representing CESW, Attorney Michael Nelson asked the commissioners to pass the amendment to give the municipalities an opportunity to decide its merits on their own.

After the vote, Nelson said, "We're disappointed the county didn't allow the municipalities the opportunity to decide for themselves to pass the amendment."

When asked what CESW intended to do next, Nelson would not comment.

So why did the county pass an earlier amendment, then just over one year later turn down a similar amendment?

One reason could be that earlier in Tuesday's meeting Michigan Department of Natural Resources Senior Environmental Engineer John Ozoga, told the board that CESW had past and present violations regarding a DNR cease and desist order to stop hauling trash to its Maple Forest Township landfill from the Superior Sanitation Service waste transfer station in Sault Ste. Marie.

Ozoga told the commissioners, "The department (DNR) is the ultimate fallback for enforcement, but ideally the county should take the lead in that."

When Bretzke asked, "How are you allowing them to continue with these violations?" Ozoga replied, "It's not a high priority for the department."

May 8, 1990 -- May 8, 1995
Five years after the fire



DESTRUCTION BY WILDFIRE--5,916 acres burned, 76 homes destroyed, 125 other structures destroyed, 37 vehicles destroyed, the life of a community changed forever. Pages 1B-3B relate the story, then and today, after five years. On page 4A, Nancy Lemmen's *Notes From the Woods* tells her own story of that tragedy and its far reaching effects on her present life.

Range policy invoked at Camp Grayling, Michigan militiamen ejected from range

The policy of the Michigan Department of Military Affairs, reacting to civilian use of military facilities ensures that paramilitary organizations do not utilize training facilities regulated by the Michigan National Guard.

Any organization determined to participate in activities that "espouse supremacist causes, discriminate based on race, creed, color, sex, religion or national origin, or advocate the use of force or violence," will be prohibited from utilizing Michigan National

Guard training areas.

On April 29, Lieutenant Colonel Gary McConnell, Training Site Manager of Camp Grayling, was conducting a routine spot check of range facility users. During his courtesy visits, Col. McConnell encountered 11 members of the Southern Michigan Militia preparing to fire on Range 8.

Col. McConnell questioned members of the group and determined they had applied for permission to use

the range as verified members of the Civilian Marksmanship Program, not members of a militia organization.

Col. McConnell then told the leader of the group they were in violation of the range prohibition policy and asked to leave.

The militia group left Camp Grayling without further incident.

Persons having questions about the use of Michigan National Guard training facilities may contact Col. McConnell by phoning 348-7621.

Black wins close District #3 race

By Linda Sherwood
Staff Writer

Defeating one opponent by only one vote, Republican Kathleen M. Black was elected the new county commissioner for District #3. The County Board of Canvassers approved the voting tallies Wednesday, April 22.

Black received 95 votes, Harold Mertes, democratic candidate, received 94 votes and Mari Ann Henion, a non-party candidate, received 65 votes in the election on Tuesday, April 25.

"I'm very happy and excited to be elected," said Black. "I'm ready to go

to work and do the job that voters elected me to do for them."

Noting the closeness in the last three elections, Black said it really shows how important votes are.

Black thanked everybody who supported and encouraged her campaign and everyone who went out and voted in the election.

The special election was scheduled to fill a vacancy created when former commissioner William Coy resigned the seat after it was determined he had an incompatibility of office as commissioner and as the Lovells Township assessor. Harold Mertes was appointed by the commission to temporarily fill the seat until the election.

This is the second election Black has won since applying for the commission seat. She had to compete in an earlier primary for the chance to be on the ballot since there was originally another republican candidate, Mary Coy.

Black, 48, has lived in district #3, which composes Frederic, Maple Forest and Lovells, for over six years. In an advertisement promoting her candidacy, Black said she will provide a fresh point-of-view at board meetings—"yours." Black pledged to bring commitment, credibility and communication to her office as commissioner.

Black was sworn into office on Wednesday, April 26. She began her official duties on Thursday when she attended the Law Enforcement committee and sat in on interviews for the vacant road commission seat.

Swiercz named to road commission

Raymond Swiercz of Lovells Township, was appointed to the Road Commission for Crawford County on Tuesday, April 2.

Swiercz beat out a field of 10 other candidates for the position and will start his duties as soon as he can be sworn in.

Appointed by the Crawford County Board of Commissioners, Swiercz received the approval of five of six commissioners.

Swiercz will fill the vacancy left by the death of Floyd Millikin, who passed away in February.

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KATHLEEN BLACK

Breaking new ground



DIG IN-- Crawford County Commissioners Dennis Long and John Hartman break ground for the new Crawford County Jail addition on Wednesday, April 19 while other county dignitaries look on. The project is scheduled to take 12 months to complete.

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VFW Post #3736 celebrates Loyalty Day

The local VFW and auxiliary Post #3736 celebrated the annual recognition of Loyalty Day on Monday, May 1.

The VFW laid a wreath at the eternal flame in front of the Crawford County Courthouse. Members of the post then went to the AuSable River footbridge in the City Park where they held a brief service. At this time they released flowers into the river in honor of all veterans. The flowers were red, white and blue as a symbol of the American flag.

"Loyalty Day is to reaffirm our-

selves to God and Country," said LouAnn Crosby VFW Auxiliary president. The VFW started the observance of Loyalty Day in the early 1930s, when communist agitators in America held parades on May 1, in which they attacked our country and our way of life, said a VFW newsletter.

During the ceremony, the VFW members repeated the following pledge, THE AMERICAN CREED:

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of the governed; a democracy in a republic; a sovereign nation of many sovereign states; a perfect union, one and inseparable, established upon those principles of freedom, equality, justice, and humanity for which

American patriots sacrificed their lives and fortunes. I, therefore, believe it is my duty to my country to love it; to support its constitution; to obey its laws; to respect its flag; and to defend it against all enemies.



LOYALTY DAY -- VFW Post #3736 Commander Ernie Hale and John Wilcox, chaplain lead the ceremonies before the wreath was placed before the eternal flame.

Local moms take their daughters to work on April 27

More than a million girls, age 9-15, spent the work day with their moms, April 27, during "Take Our Daughters To Work Day." At Mercy Internal Medicine Associates, moms and daughters shared jobs and gathered for a luncheon. Paper-

work, filing, faxing, computer work, opening mail and making coffee were highlights for the office staff. In the nursing area, Vicki Kreps learned about EKGs and other testing procedures. The nationally recognized day is sponsored by the Ms. Foundation for Women.



BUSY AT WORK — Jamie Bourrie, a fifth grader at Grayling Middle School, enjoyed the day with her mom, Dawn Crowell, a transcriptionist in the Health Information Services Department at Mercy Hospital. Jamie typed a mock report and learned some "big medical words."



TAKING A BREAK — Moms and daughters pictured are (L to R) Judy Sumner and daughter Alexis of Grayling Middle School; Margaret and Vicki Kreps of Grayling High School; and Jan and Jennifer Hunt of Roscommon Middle School.

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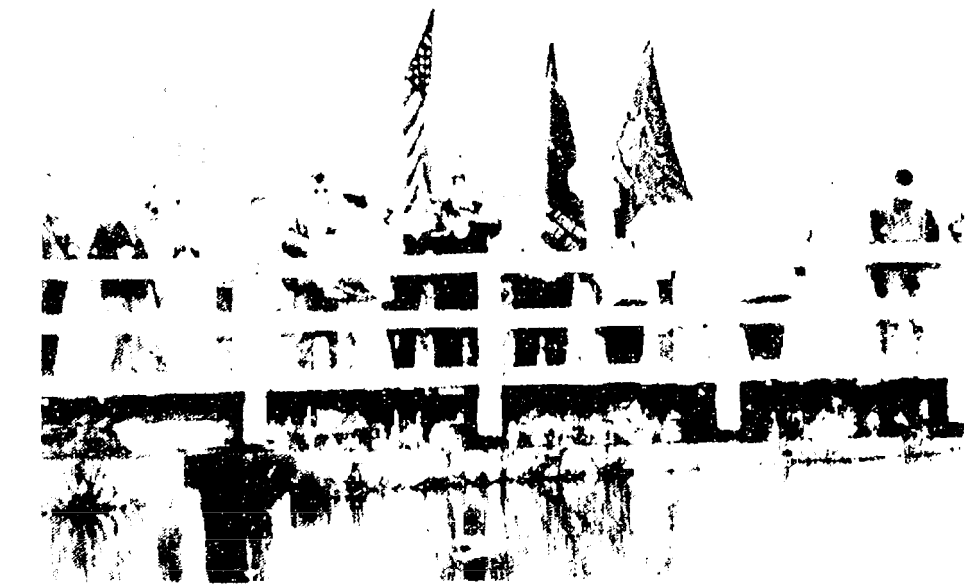
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HONORING THE RED, WHITE AND BLUE -- VFW members release flowers signifying the flag and honoring veterans who have served. The VFW members also said a pledge reaffirming their commitment to God and Country.

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COMMUNITY NEWS BRIEFS

Mother and daughter banquet planned

The Frederic Hobby Club is sponsoring their annual mother and daughter banquet for the mothers and daughters of the community. The date is Monday, May 15, at 5:30 p.m.

Each family is asked to bring their favorite food dish to share and their

own table service.

The banquet will be held at the Frederic Hobby Club on West County Road 612 in Frederic.

To make reservations, call 348-8368 or 348-2419.

Kirtland commencement exercises set for May 12

Kirtland Community College will be holding its 26th annual commencement ceremonies on Friday, May 12.

Commencement speaker will be William G. Ingleson, Roscommon, Dean Emeritus. The 1995 Outstanding Alumnus of the Year is Michael Gardiner, Grayling, counselor at

Gaylord High School. Whittemore Prescott High School Band will perform the processional/recessional. Over 225 degrees and certificates are expected to be presented.

Ceremonies begin at 7:30 p.m. in the Gilbert I. Stewart Auditorium. A reception follows in the Student Center.

GTE reminds customers to call before you dig

Imagine you're making an emergency or long distance call and a neighbor begins to dig in his garden. Suddenly, the phone line goes dead. Your neighbor's fault?

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Such accidents and their potentially

disruptive outcomes can easily be avoided by making one phone call before you dig to 1-800-482-7171. This will alert utility companies in the area so they can mark underground lines and you can avoid them. Both the call and the service are free.

"Anyone planning a project that involves digging — it is a new pool or just a fence post — should call to prevent disruption of critical services," said Karshner.

This toll-free number operates 24 hours a day, seven days a week. Callers simply give the location, extent of planned work and the date work is to begin.

Seminar for riverfront property owners

The Huron Pines Resource Conservation and Development Area Council, Inc., in cooperation with the Department of Natural Resources (DNR) - Nonpoint Source Unit and the Michigan State University Extension is sponsoring a workshop for riverfront property owners along the AuSable River. The workshop will be held at the Grayling High School auditorium on Saturday, May 13, beginning at 9 a.m. and concluding at noon.

The program will include a slide presentation, demonstrating various restoration techniques, by Mike Wenkel, watershed coordinator for restoration efforts on the AuSable River and other rivers in northeast lower Michigan. A presentation on the affects of development on riparian corridors by Jan Fenske, natural rivers coordinator with the DNR and a

presentation on the effects of household chemicals, fertilizers and other common practices around the home and alternatives that riparian property owners could consider to have less impact on the river system.

This educational program is funded as a part of a 4-year, \$300,000 grant from Section 319 of the Clean Water Act, and the DNR Nonpoint Source Unit. Funding has been provided for educational programs, in addition to the stabilization of various streambanks in the upper waters of the AuSable River system. The funds are administered locally by the Huron Pines Council, with assistance from various members of the AuSable River Watershed Restoration Committee.

For additional information on the program, contact Mike Wenkel at the Huron Pines office at (517) 348-9319.

4-H babysitting class

Babysitting is more than "sitting with a baby." Learn the skills necessary for caring for children at the upcoming 4-H Caring for Kids Clinic, which is open to youth 11 to 16 years of age. The clinic will be on three Wednesdays after school. The dates are May 17, 24, and 31, from 3:15 to 5 p.m. in the Middle School cafeteria. Cost is \$3. Participants will learn babysitter's

responsibility, safety precautions, emergency procedures and activities appropriate for various ages.

Participants will receive a 4-H Certificate of Completion. The clinic will be taught by Shelley Hubbard, prevention educator.

Call the Crawford County Extension office at 348-2841, extension 264 to register.

Relationship seminar at St. Mary's

Ever wonder why growing relationships fizzle out or how we are continually attracted to certain personality types? These and other topics will be explored through a video series entitled, *Hidden Keys to Loving Relationships*, presented in a witty format by counselor Gary Smalley.

Hosting the program will be the newly-formed Commencement Club

for the divorced, separated and widowed. Those attending will meet at the St. Mary's Learning Center at 702 Peninsular in Grayling, beginning Tuesday, May 9, at 7 p.m.

Discussion, refreshments and social to follow each presentation. All are invited. For more information, call 348-7657.

MERCY HOSPITAL BIRTHS

The following parents are proud to announce their recent arrivals at Grayling Mercy Hospital:

Neal and Nancy Hook of Higgins Lake: Courtney, April 19, 1995, 8 pounds, 2 ounces.

Clifford and Lisa Winkler of Prudenville: Madison Louise, April 19, 1995, 8 pounds, 12 ounces.

Jeremy and Julie Jones of St. Helen: Jason Ryan, April 18, 1995, 8 pounds, 5.9 ounces.

Chuck and Shay McCormack of

Mio: Taylor, April 18, 1995, 7 pounds, 10.8 ounces.

Timothy and Cynthia Pease of Grayling: Sarah Ashley, April 18, 1995, 6 pounds, 13 ounces.

Ronald and Peggy Vradenburg of Grayling: Ronald George and Katherine Marie, April 21, 1995. Ronald weighed 5 pounds, 2 ounces, and Katherine weighed 5 pounds.

Lions Lucky 13 winner named

The Grayling Lions Club Lucky 13 winner was Bill Borchers who won \$100.

Plaza Bar

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Saturday, May 6th
9 pm - 1 am

Frederic blood drive set for May 8

The Frederic community blood drive will be held Monday, May 8, from 12 noon to 5:45 p.m. at the Frederic Elementary School. Community members are encouraged to participate in this blood drive.

The American Red Cross Blood Drive held on Thursday, March 1, had 83 donors contributing to this area's blood supply. The blood drive included two new donors, Nicole M. Clark and Marcus R. Ritter.

Several gallus pins were also awarded. Nicole L. Weaver-Reusch and Wayne B. Davis received 1-gallon pins. A 3-gallon pin was awarded to Richard G. Sprague. Receiving a 4-gallon pin was Carolyn E. DiPonio. Terrance J. Dennen received a 6-gallon pin. Vern C. Fox was the largest donor, earning an 8-gallon pin.

MS support group sets meeting date

The monthly support group meeting for Multiple Sclerosis will be held on May 6 from 2 to 4 p.m. at the Roscommon Community Center. This month's topic will be on humor and the important role it plays in any chronic illness. For more information call Tudy at 517-275-4671.

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ISSUES AND OPINIONS

NOTES FROM THE WOODS

By Nancy Lemmen

Before May 8, 1990, I had never known tragedy.

Until that day, the worst event in my life had been the final illness and death of Buddy in 1986.

It is true that I am closer to my pets than some people seem to be to their children. As he steadily declined throughout the summer months, I lost both my appetite and 20 pounds.

But in the final analysis, while it was desperately sad to lose our 10-year-old Labrador retriever to lung cancer, it was not tragic. Actually, in a cosmic sense, his demise was a natural — if somewhat premature — event.

I had known other great sadnesses, as well. A family friend died suddenly in his mid-50s from heart disease. All four of my grandparents passed away, three of them from complicated and debilitating illnesses. A cousin in another state, only 30 years old, perished in Alaska at the hands of a drunk driver.

But on a personal level, I had never known tragedy.

Until the forest fire of 1990.

In its immediate aftermath, Dave and I believed that the fire had ruined us. Five days after our three dogs, one kitten and nearly every single possession we owned were demolished in the inferno, a reporter from the *Traverse City Record Eagle* quoted me as saying, "Everything that defined us is gone."

Don't say that, advised some people. What you told the journalist is wrong, they assured me.

You still have Dave and Nancy, they said. Your humanness is not defined solely by your possessions and your surroundings. Even with everything lost, your essential natures remain intact. You can recreate yourselves.

But life, for me, is rarely clear and never simple. So now, in retrospect, I can do no better than to say that I was right and I was wrong, that they were right and they were wrong.

It is true that, as of May 9, 1990, we still had "us."

And it is true that, amid the ashes, we found the courage to create a post-fire existence. And it is also

true that, within ourselves, we found the wherewithall to "recreate ourselves," as I had told the reporter we would have to do.

But, half a decade later, it also seems true that my original reaction was on target. That is, the fire did indeed ruin us.

I believe that it quite literally killed Dave.

I think that I knew of no other person who was as satisfied and happy with his life as Dave was before the fire. He often described his first 13 years in Grayling as "a second childhood." It was, perhaps, even better than his real childhood, because — as an adult — he had the power to mold and control it.

We bought a small chalet on 10 acres in a pine woods, little more than a long stone's throw to the Holy Waters of the AuSable River. He learned, then came to love, the art of fly fishing. He fished the stretch of the Mainstream between Stephan and Wakeley Bridges with regularity and passion. He found peace and enchantment in its cold and fast waters.

But the fire brought that existence to an abrupt and unplanned end.

His material losses were vast: His home within walking distance of the river's edge. His riverboat, crafted by his friend and fly fishing teacher, Mike Wieland. His well-made gear, carefully selected throughout 13 years. His irreplaceable Lyle Dickerson and Bob Summers cane rods. His collections of flies and artwork, crafted by wildlife artists, living and dead.

But it was more than the material losses. On the evening of May 8, 1990, he also lost an essential, irreplaceable part of himself.

Call it youth. Call it innocence. Call it joy. Call it zest for life. Whatever that quality (or combination of qualities) was that he possessed before the fire, it began to die within him that night.

He tried diligently to make life right and whole and happy again. I tried to help. His friends and relatives tried, too.

But he was never able to resurrect that ineffable quality within him before the fire. And so he withered away —

ostensibly from non-Hodgkin's lymphoma — dying four and one-half years later on December 8, 1994.

And as for me?

Well, here is my theory about victimhood, developed after the fire: Once victimized, you remain victimized.

There are some who will be uncomfortable with this analysis. There are some who would prefer to believe that this is not the truth. But it is — at least for me — the truth.

You can cover your losses with insurance. You can buy a new home. You can get new pets. You can take new photos. You can laugh again. And you can even heal to a degree.

But you can never completely undo the damage and pain wrought by a tragedy that originally plunged you into the role of victim.

A new house is not your old house. A new ring is not your mother's mother's engagement ring intended for your niece. Photos taken in the 1990s do not capture how you were in the '70s and '80s. Rocky and Spike and Bonnie and Molly are not Jody

and Missy and Murphy and Allie.

The house off Pine Road will always be just a memory. The remains of the animals probably long ago merged with and enriched the earth where they lie buried. All our photos are gone. And now Dave is dead.

The evening we brought Dave home from the hospital for the last time, the new cats went nutty and one of them bit both my brother and me. We wound up in the emergency room at 12:30 a.m. getting tetanus shots and penicillin prescriptions. I still have a small cat bite scar on my upper arm. I treasure that scar and I hope that it will never fade. It serves as a symbol to me of what I have endured.

As I told the reporter nearly five years ago, I am ruined. At least the person I was before the fire is ruined. The person into whom I have evolved in its aftermath is clearly damaged.

Nevertheless, I have chosen to survive. The pain has become a part of me. I try to make peace with it.

I don't like it, but I accept it because — quite simply — for me there seems to be no other viable choice.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Hats off to R. J.

To the editor:

The folks of Grayling were in for a wonderful treat on Saturday evening, April 22, when the 100-member Lansing Concert Band entertained with a beautiful repertoire of music, including selections from the *Phantom of the Opera* and *West Side Story*.

A special piece — *Amazing Grace* was played in memory of those of the

tragedy, Oklahoma City, bringing tears to more than a few eyes.

In 1994, the Lansing Band received North America's most prestigious award for community concert bands. Hats off to R. J. Hannan for arranging such top-quality entertainment for the folks of Grayling. We did, indeed, Enjoy!

Barb Hanss Koerner

With malice towards none and charity for all

To the editor:

One can only hope that the terrorist act in Oklahoma City will bring Americans closer together as a nation. We, as citizens of the greatest nation on earth, must do everything in our power to prevent the disintegration of our democracy into a collection of para-military groups.

We need to rededicate ourselves to the restoration and preservation of our democratic way of life.

The unbridled cynicism, which has marked our political discourse, must stop. We must learn to be more tolerant of our neighbor's political beliefs. In debating our opponents, we should avoid the use of inflammatory rhetoric, which only serves to exacerbate tension. For example, in the debate over abortion, calling someone who supports a woman's right to choose as

being "pro-abortion" is unnecessarily provocative.

We set the stage for political extremism when we become intolerant of our fellow citizens' political beliefs. The 1994 elections set new lows for mud-slinging, character assassination, sign stealing, and deliberate misinformation regarding an opponent's record.

We must learn to disagree without being disagreeable. Most of all, we must learn to recognize the sanctity of human life. No political ideology ever justifies in any moral sense the taking of any innocent human life. Let us, as a nation, and as individuals, resolve to love one another more, hate less, and have an open mind on profound issues of public policy.

Brian R. Morgan
Gaylord

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FROM OUR CORNER By Whitey Madsen

In reality, each of us kids had designated jobs to do around the house and being the youngest I got the dirty end of the stick.

There were very few families that didn't have a garden during the 30s. I'm speaking of gardens like my father had, he planted everything from corn, squash, cabbage, potatoes, every kind of vegetables. My mother's job was to can everything she could for the long cold winter ahead back then.

My parents' home was on a 60 foot lot by 180 feet. Besides the garden there were three plum trees and two transparent apple trees and the fruits of these my mother also canned.

Getting back to the dirty end of the stick, it was my job to weed my portion

of the garden (my brother Norm had his portion). I also had the job of picking off the potato beetles, and the cabbage worms off the leaves.

If anyone reading this trivia had the same experience as I with the cabbage worms I am sure you will appreciate my thoughts.

During the winter we had snow to shovel (much more than today), pile wood, take the ashes out and anything else to be done along with my paper routes.

I remember when we were in our elementary and middle school days I had one pair of pants and one shirt good enough to go to school in. I would come home, change into older clothes and my mother would wash

the pants and shirt, hang them over the heating stove and iron them in the morning before I went to school the next day.

From day one when I had my paper routes, I also had a buddy, his name was Pal, he was part German shepherd and collie. It was an appropriate name, he kept all the other dogs where we had to take a paper, away from me.

During the winter was his hardest time, we had to watch and when he would start to limp, that was the signal that the snow had started to pack in his paws. Then we would pull the packed snow out and continue.

We will continue with your diligence if you wish... we appreciate the feed back from our endeavor.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Your views are welcome on the Opinion Page. Letters may be typed or handwritten, but please double-space or use every other line.

Every letter must be signed and an address and phone number should be included. Letters will

not be published without the author's name.

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Don't mistake National Guardsmen for militia members

To the editor:

Recently, a great deal of attention has been directed at organizations that are currently being formed in Michigan. In particular, these types of organizations are composed of citizens who have a belief that it is necessary to institute and form militias. The intentions and objectives of these groups are of little interest to me, but may inadvertently have an adverse effect towards myself and my comrades.

As members of the fulltime support force of the Michigan Army National Guard, it concerns me that we could easily be mistaken as members of a militia. As members of the military, we are required by the nature of our duties to wear the army's standard battle dress uniform (camouflage), during the performance of our duties. It has been my experience, that many people of this state and community, are not aware of who the National Guard is, and what our missions are. For this reason, when we are observed in our camouflaged uniforms, it could easily be misconstrued that we are members of, or are affiliated with, some sort of citizen militia, and we are not!

Like myself, the soldiers that serve

in the Michigan Army National Guard, are soldiers with a continuing commitment, dedicated to protecting the basic values that all Americans cherish, and that are embodied in the United States Constitution, and the Constitution of the state of Michigan. We demonstrate our continued commitment to the Minute Man tradition, with selfless dedicated service to our community, state and nation.

As a member of the National Guard, I like to think that our first mission is to our local community. Unfortunately, there are a lot of mistaken perceptions and misconceptions about the National Guard, and what our role is, and we are rarely taxed to provide our services to the community. Given those facts, and the recent media exposure of militias, I feel compelled to clarify what our missions are. Presently, the mission of the Michigan Army National Guard, is to support the governor of the state of Michigan, by providing trained units and specialized equipment capable of protecting life and property, preserving peace, restoring order, and maintaining public safety. Additionally, the Michigan Army National Guard supports the

United States military objectives, as a strategic component of America's Army.

Unlike militias, we as members of the National Guard, promise to the people of the United States of America, that we will do whatever it takes to attain and maintain the highest military standards. We promise to leave a legacy of selfless service, to remain committed to the high ideals of this country, and to conduct ourselves, so as to bring credit upon the military services and our country.

Whether initiatives to form militias are successful, and what benefits may come from their formation, remain to be seen. But, in the meantime, I am dismayed by the fact, that I could possibly be mistaken as a member of a militia, because of my appearance. I, as a member of a time-honored corps, feel that there is no one more professional than I am, and I remain dedicated to uphold and defend the Constitution which embodies our system of government and guarantees the fundamental rights of our citizens. In return for my dedication, I ask the country that I serve to recognize me for who I am, and what I stand for.

Robert W. Price
Sergeant First Class
Michigan Army National Guard

Good Friday is spiritual holiday, not a school day

To the editor:

Although this is late, I am writing as a concerned citizen regarding holding school on Good Friday.

Our country is founded upon our freedom of religion. There are families who class Good Friday as a religious holiday. Christians celebrate the death, burial, and resurrection of our Lord

Jesus Christ. Good Friday is the beginning of a very holy weekend. It is your responsibility to our students to give them the opportunity to attend Good Friday services, even if they don't go.

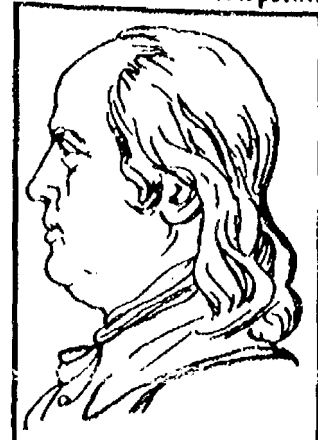
In all the years I've lived in this community (Frederic), which is approximately 50 years, Good Friday was always considered a spiritual holiday, and we did not have school. To the best of my knowledge, this is the first year ever that students had to go to school on Good Friday in the Crawford AuSable District.

The whole Easter weekend should be a celebration and recognition of the endurance of the family. It is precious, to be nurtured and preserved in an age that has nearly forsaken its spiritual roots; without solid foundation of faith, the family so easily splinters and falls. The family cannot have this togetherness when the children are in school.

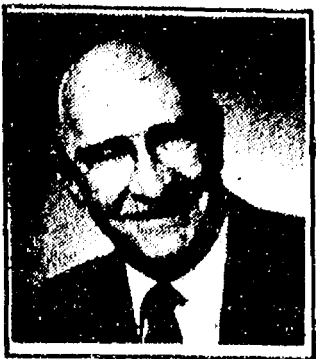
I personally think enough damage has been done to our school system by making it a law to forbid Bible reading and prayer in school, without adding the damage of having school on Good Friday.

Bessie Pratt
Frederic

American Viewpoints



We must, indeed, all hang together, or, most assuredly, we shall all hang separately.
Benjamin Franklin



ALMANACK By Richard Milliman

Balanced budget push hits snag

WORD OUT OF Washington indicates it won't be as easy to push through the balanced budget amendment as it probably should be.

With a Republican majority in the House, plus a score or so of willing Democrats on board, added to a determined and resourceful Speaker, it should be a relatively easy task.

Not so. The balanced budget program has had its fits and starts.

Eventually it probably will pass the House in some form — probably not with a 60 percent requirement to enact taxes. Its fate in the Senate also is problematical.

But sooner or later, this year or next or the year after that, the Congress is almost certainly going to catch up with the will of the people and seek to force balanced budgets — unless, of course, the will of the people changes in the meantime.

ONCE THE HOUSE acts does not mean problems are over.

The Senate also must approve by a two-thirds margin. Then the

amendment goes back to the states, where it must be approved by three-fourths of the state legislatures — 37 at present statehood levels — before it becomes part of the Constitution.

That's a long tough road, as advocates of the Equal Rights Amendment, or any other amendment, can testify.

There's nothing wrong with that, either. The U.S. Constitution should not be taken lightly, or changed easily. Those who formed the Constitution knew what they were doing when they made it difficult to change.

Some cynics might contend it really is not that tough to change the Constitution, pointing to the court system.

These critics have a legitimate concern, but that's another column for another day.

THE SUBSTANCE of the balanced budget amendment also is open to concern in some corners, too.

The House has been considering various versions of the proposal, generally calling for a balanced budget each year beginning in 2002, or shortly

after final ratification by the states. Consideration has included a three-fifths majority to waive the amendment in case of emergency, or the same super majority to raise the federal debt limit, or waiver only in case of war.

More conservative backers of the idea want to include a 60-percent vote required in Congress to raise tax revenues.

More liberal opponents want backers to itemize where cuts would be made to assure a balanced budget — a device which could scare off those who benefit from government spending.

Of course, for pro-amendment forces to agree would be bad politics, as well as bad tactics.

IS AMENDMENT OF the Constitution necessary to bring fiscal sanity to the federal government?

Will it finally make government live within its means? Maybe but not assuredly.

The idea seems to work in some states where balanced budgets are required by law.... Michigan, for example.

But if it should be adopted, it's

almost certain ways would be found to get around it — if that's what those in power want to do.

Proposing a balanced budget is the easiest exercise in the world; if you're in trouble, all you do is over-estimate revenues and under-estimate spending. Voila: The budget is balanced, or even could show a surplus.

That's not realistic, of course, but it has been known to happen.

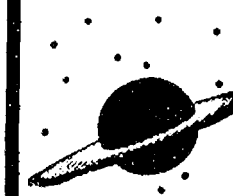
The insidious part is that if a government budget-maker wants to follow that course, he/she likely can find experts for support.

Revenue estimates are based on economic outlook, which can vary from chair to chair in the board room of any bank or economic think-tank. Add politics to such an uncertain art and the possibilities are unlimited.

The only answer for a true balanced budget program is intention, and the dedication of those who make and enforce budgets to live within available resources.

If such strength of purpose and will is not present, then all the amendments ever adopted will not balance a single budget.

Richard Milliman is a veteran newspaperman and a contributing columnist to several Michigan newspapers.



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Local entertainer in Miss Teen USA Pageant

Crawford and Oscoda counties may soon have a new celebrity. Noddea Moore, daughter of Floyd and Diane Moore of Luzerne, has been selected as an applicant in the 1995 Miss Teen USA Pageant. The pageant will be held at the Hyatt Regency in Dearborn, June 29-30, and July 1.

Noddea was selected as an applicant based on her previous pageant experience and an interview with pageant officials. If she is successful in securing the title she will win scholarships and prizes worth several thousand dollars. Plus, she will qualify to compete for the national title of Miss Teen USA.

To qualify for a pageant of this stature is not only an honor, but it is expensive. While not mandatory, pageant officials recommend that applicants secure entry fees and pageant expenses through fundraising ventures in their communities.

To help Noddea with these expenses, a benefit spaghetti supper is being held on May 7, at Lost Creek Sky Ranch in Luzerne. An auction of

merchandise donated by local merchants will also be held. Entertainment will be provided by none other than Miss Noddea Moore.

Noddea has been singing professionally for approximately a year and a half. She has become a very popular entertainer at nightspots throughout Oscoda and Crawford counties. Miss Moore has regularly performed at Chief Shoppenagon's, the Red Barn, and The Hard Times Saloon, and did a benefit performance at the Eagles for Special Olympics.

Noddea's passion is country music. Lately, however, she has been expanding into several other musical styles, and has been very well received by her audiences.

Noddea won her first national title in 1993 when she was selected America's Favorite Teen, also that year she won the title of America's Favorite Singer. In 1994, she passed on that title, but was selected Miss National Teen Talent. To become Miss Teen Talent, she had to place in different talent divisions which

included drawing, poetry, dance, entertaining and her strong point, singing. She was also crowned Michigan Maple Syrup Queen 1994, during the association's convention held at the Holiday Inn in Grayling.

In addition to her pageant and musical activities Noddea is also very active at Mio AuSable High School. She is president of the student senate, junior class president, member of the prom committee and has been a varsity cheerleader.

Noddea's dream is to turn her love of music into a career. She said, "I couldn't have come this far without the love and understanding of some very special parents." Starting her musical career at this stage of her life has required some sacrifices from Noddea also, it is hard to be a teenager when your weekends are filled with entertaining and weekdays you are faced with decisions like bookings, equipment, costumes, etc. When asked if she thought giving up part of her teen years to pursue her career was worth the sacrifice, she replied, "I'm not sure yet, but I certainly hope so."

RANGE FIRING

Range firing will be conducted at Camp Grayling in the following areas:

The Small Arms Ranges located west of Lake Margrethe, north of Howe Road, east of the gas pipeline, and south of Portage Creek. Firing will begin on May 3 and cease on May 10.

The Small Arms Ranges located at Arrowhead Range in Kalkaska County. Firing will begin on May 3 and cease on May 10.

Range 13, Mortar Range located south of the main post, bounded on the west by Cadillac Road and on the east by Carrier Road. Firing will begin on May 5 and cease on May 7.

The Range 40 Complex, located north of County Rd. 612, east of Sherman Road, south of Old State Rd. 618, and west of County Rd. P97 (Twin Bridge Rd). Firing will begin on May 5 and cease on May 7.

The Range 40 Complex, Air to Ground, located north of County Rd. 612, east of Guthrie Lake, south of Old State Rd. 618, and west of County Rd. P97 (Twin Bridge Rd). Firing will be from May 3 through May 6, and May 9 and May 10.

G.H.S. Class of '70 needs addresses

The Grayling High School Class of 1970 needs addresses on the following members: Rick Rybolt, Larry Stephenson, Cheryl Holcomb, and John Redman. Anyone who has information on the above individuals is encouraged to contact Susan McCurdy at (517) 348-8953.

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FRI. 5	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • FREDERIC ELEM old-fashioned school carnival - games food, door prizes, cake walk, etc. 5-8 pm. Proceeds to Frederic Elementary Improvement projects. • "LITTLE WOMEN" performed @ Kirtland Community College, 9 am, 10:30 am, and 1 pm. • SB/BB VS. KALKASKA, away, 4:30 pm. • JV SB/BB VS. KALKASKA, home, 4:30 pm. • FREDERIC ELEMENTARY annual school carnival, 5-8 pm. • MS SPRING PLAY @ auditorium, 7 pm.
SAT. 6	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • MARK THOMAS & MAX THE MOOSE perform @ Kirtland Community College, 11 am - No admission charge. A family concert combining self-esteem messages with entertainment. • MS STATE BAND FESTIVAL. • YOUTH ARTS FESTIVAL rehearsal WMU. • HS PROM @ 9 pm.
SUN. 7	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • ATTEND THE CHURCH of your choice today. • NATIONAL FAMILY WEEK. • JR. PRO MEETING @ Holiday Inn. • COA POTLUCK - 4 pm - dish to pass & table service.
MON. 8	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • CRAWFOORD COUNTY American Red Cross Blood Drive @ Frederic Elementary, 12 noon - 5:45 pm. • ANNUAL DISTRICT COMMITTEE REPORT to the Board of Education night @ MS conference room, 6-10 pm. • WELCOME WAGON NEWCOMERS meeting @ Iron Gate Restaurant, 6 pm. For more information call Betty @ 348-8562. • KIWANIS LUNCHEON meeting @ Chief Shoppenagon's Motor Hotel, 12:10 pm. • GRAYLING REGIONAL COMPUTER CLUB meeting @ Seniors Rec. room, 7 pm. For more information call Bud @ 348-2548. • COA Monday Night at the movies, "Pretty Woman", 5:30 pm.
TUES. 9	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • COA white elephant auction, 5:30 pm. • RESOURCE COUNCIL MEETING @ Mercy Hospital private dining room, 12 noon. • GIRLS' GOLF @ TRAVERSE CITY, 4 pm. • HS BAND CONCERT & FINE ARTS AWARDS @ auditorium, 7 pm. • NATIONAL TEACHER DAY. • NEW BEGINNINGS stomach stapling support group @ Mercy Hospital private dining room, 7 pm. • GRAYLING PROMOTIONAL ASSOCIATION luncheon meeting @ Iron Gate Restaurant, 12 noon. • GRAYLING UPTOWN DISTRICT Association breakfast meeting @ 8 am, Stevens Family Circle. • AMERICAN CANCER SOCIETY meeting @ Grayling State Bank, 1 pm.
WED. 10	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • JV SB/BB VS CHEBOYGAN, home, 4 pm. • ROTARY LUNCHEON MEETING @ Chief Shoppenagon's Motor Hotel, 12 noon. • WEIGHT WATCHER'S MEETING @ St. Francis Episcopal Church, weigh-in 4:45; meeting 5:30 pm. For more information call Sandy @ 348-5321.

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Local woman on Alma College's world championship Model UN Team

Alma College's Model United Nations team, with Grayling resident, Kendra Palmer, has won a world championship, as faculty advisor Dr. Derick (Sandy) Hulme views the team's top-award finish in the April 11-15 competition held in New York. Alma's hard-working, 18-member team beat 164 other teams representing colleges from more than 40 states and 18 foreign countries. There were 1,945 participants.

"Teams came from literally all over the world," said Hulme. "This is the biggest UN competition in the world and we earned the top award with very hard work. What was really nice is that our students were self-motivated, assumed team responsibilities and over achieved."

Like an athletic coach anticipating next season, Hulme notes that Alma's team — consisting of four seniors,

four juniors, seven sophomores, two freshmen and one "special" designation — is young and should be even tougher next year. He notes that this Model UN championship compares in importance to the national NCAA Division III basketball championship Alma's women won in 1992. "Our success is the whole college's success," Hulme said.

In March, the Alma Model UN team's two delegations received the top awards and won eight of 16 individual awards at the Midwest Model United Nations conference in St. Louis, MO. Last year, at the New York conference, Alma's team placed sixth in its first national competition.

Colby, Fleischmann earn nursing degrees

Michigan State University (MSU) has listed over 4,660 degree candidates for spring of 1995.

Anne M. Colby and Mary Ann Fleischmann, both of Grayling, will receive their Masters in Science Nursing degrees.

President Bill Clinton will give the campus-wide convocation address to

all spring candidates at 1 p.m. on Friday, May 5, at Spartan Stadium.

Advanced degrees will be conferred at commencement ceremonies set for 7:30 p.m. Friday, May 5, at Breslin Student Events Center. Neal F. Lane, director of the National Science Foundation, will give the commencement address.

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The Bible Speaks Mission

From the Calvary Baptist Church

A New Mission Statement was adopted by the Michigan State Board of Education on Jan. 19, 1995. Last week we studied the "Philosophy" paragraph of that document, please join us in analyzing the "Mission" paragraph:

"We, the Michigan State Board of Education, united in vision and philosophy, empowered by our Constitution to respond with leadership, humbly serve to enable, promote, and inspire a new spirit and birth of freedom, self-government, excellence and accountability in our local communities for all who are involved in the lifelong education of students. In working to achieve this mission we recognize that a quality education is first the responsibility of parents and students, then of teachers, administrators, school boards and others in the local community; we support public education; we support school choices for parents; we

encourage the development, support, and recognition of quality teachers; we support local accountability that enhances excellence in education; we advocate for the removal of barriers that constrain efforts to open, sustain, and/or expand quality schools and other quality educational opportunities in the marketplace of a free society; and we pray for wisdom in all decisions that impact the lives of the students we serve."

We commend the Michigan State Board of Education for being "united in vision and philosophy" to "humbly serve" and not to dictate to local communities by their leadership. Reversing the educational hierarchy they state: "We recognize that a quality education is first the responsibility of parents and students, then of teachers, administrators, school boards, and others in the local community." Putting the family first and the state last is commendable.

The Michigan State Board of Education is worthy of commendation for stressing school choice, quality

teachers, local accountability, and quality schools. How can a society which has been tolerant of a woman's "right" to choose the death of her own unborn child, logically refuse educational choices to those parents and children who choose to honor God, life, and liberty? In a "free society" we welcome this change as "a new spirit and birth of freedom." Pluralism applies to conservatives also.

They said in closing, "...we pray for wisdom in all decisions that impact the lives of the students we serve." All of us should pray for our students. And while we are at it, let us thank God for giving us a State Board of Education in Lansing, which is family centered rather than government centered.

Pastor "B"

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Church Directory



"What a glorious spring day. I'm going to open the windows and let in some fresh air ... maybe even clean out a closet or two. I've been meaning to sort out those clothes we don't wear anymore and put some winter things in storage."

Indeed, the advent of spring seems to bring to mind freshness and order. What an appropriate time to freshen up and sort out our spiritual lives as well. Perhaps it would be refreshing to enroll in a religious seminar or to take part in the musical program at your local house of worship. Discard unwanted habits that clutter your soul such as negative thinking and begin a practice that will enrich your life. Perhaps you could begin each day with prayer or keep a daily devotional guide at your bedside. The possibilities are endless.

Most importantly, make it a habit to visit God's house each Sabbath. Your spirit will sparkle as you learn to trust in God's will for your life. Remember, when you're sorting things out, put away fear and store God in your heart.

Sunday Luke 24:1-12	Monday Luke 24:13-35	Tuesday Luke 24:36-53	Wednesday Revelation 1:1-20
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Calvary Assembly of God
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Dr. Robert Barnett, Pastor
M 72 West
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G.M.S. band members receive honors

On Saturday, April 22, 42 Grayling Middle School band students participated in the annual Michigan School Band and Orchestra Association District 2 Solo and Ensemble Festival at Gaylord Middle School. Grayling students performed solos, duets and/or trios, and were allowed to enter no more than three events. Out of the 47 events entered, 36 received I ratings, 10 received II ratings, and one received a III rating.

"The day was extremely successful. The students learned a lot and also had fun. We all worked together many nights to prepare for the performances, and the hard work paid off," said Shelly Tober, seventh grade band director.

The following students received I ratings in solo competition: Natalie Kent, oboe; Tim Ormsbee, tuba; Heather Ross, bassoon; Tricia Griesemer, tenor saxophone; Marianne Vollmer, trumpet; Amy Doherty, French horn; Neil Jozsa, trombone; Heidie Wallace, clarinet and bass clarinet; Sara Eagen, trumpet and baritone; Erin Scott, French horn; Jessica Becks, flute and alto saxophone; Brandy Plutko, flute and baritone saxophone; Crystal Herrmann, flute; Brooke Ginther, trumpet; Colin Hunter, snare drum; Bethanie Black, snare drum; Ryan Gaffke, alto saxophone; Krystyna Rugenstein, flute; Tasha Carlisle, flute; Tiffany Ruark, flute; Cheryl Papendick, clarinet; Melissa Hodgins, clarinet; and Josh Mueller, clarinet.

Adopt-a-Highway celebrates 5th year of clean-up

The Michigan Adopt-a-Highway program is beginning its fifth year. An army of 30,000 Adopt-a-Highway volunteers were on Michigan's road-sides picking up litter last weekend in the first of three regularly scheduled pickups this year. The volunteers will continue to pickup litter until Sunday, May 7.

"Drivers should slow down and be careful when they see one of the Adopt-a-Highway groups out on our road-sides," said Michigan Department of Transportation (MDOT) Director Patrick M. Nowak. "These volunteers picking up trash along our highways expect to find enough litter to fill over 100 large garbage trucks. The Adopt-a-Highway volunteers will be out there working for us. Let's look out for them to make sure we have a safe kickoff to our fifth anniversary season."

MDOT's Adopt-a-Highway program has grown from 24 groups at its kickoff in April 1990 to almost 3,000 groups today. MDOT feels the efforts of these volunteer groups are clearly visible in our cleaner and more attractive roadsides. Over 6,700 miles of the 9,500 miles of state highways have been adopted.

C.O.O.R. held 14th annual dinner meeting April 12

The C.O.O.R. Intermediate School District held its 14th Annual Joint Boards' dinner meeting on Wednesday, April 12. Board of Education from six local education agencies, along with their administrative teams, attended the dinner, which was hosted by the Mio AuSable Schools.

Tom White, associate executive director for state and federal relations for the Michigan Association of School Boards (MASB) was the guest speaker.

Dinner announced for Ruffed Grouse Society on May 13

The Ruffed Grouse Society proudly announces the 4th Annual Jim Foote Chapter Sportsmen's Banquet on Saturday, May 13, at the Treetops Sylvan Resort in Gaylord.

Cocktail Reception and raffle sales will begin at 5:30 p.m. with dinner at 7:30 p.m. Tickets are \$40 for members and \$60 for member and spouse. For more information contact Gary Boyd at 517-348-2283.

The following students received I ratings in duet competition: Amanda Fortino, flute, and Heather Ross, bassoon; Tricia Griesemer, tenor sax, and Carrie Hellebuyck, baritone sax; Sara Eagen, trumpet and Jamie Anderson, clarinet; Jared Medler, alto sax, and Ryan Gaffke, alto sax; Colby Davis, alto sax, and Christi Dunckley, clarinet; and Krystyna Rugenstein, flute, and Katelyn Roshy, flute.

Receiving I ratings in trio

competition were: Jared Medler, Ryan Gaffke, Nathan Beckwith, alto saxophones; Jessie Becks, Brandy Plutko, Crystal Herrmann, flutes; and Josh Mueller, Jessica Weaver, Adria Frankina, clarinets.

The following students received II ratings in solo competition: Monica Kustra, baritone; Heidi Englund, trumpet; Amy Stevenson, flute; Katelyn Roshy, flute; Sarah McGuire, snare drum; Joe Hughes, trombone;

and Jamie Anderson, clarinet.

The following students received II ratings in duet competition: Melissa Hodgins, clarinet, and Krystyna Rugenstein, flute; Marcy Mathews, clarinet, and Tiffany Ruark, flute; and Kim Hartman, flute, and Leanna Mathews, French horn.

Receiving III ratings in duet competition were Brandy Lewis, clarinet, and Marcy Mathews, clarinet.



Grayling Middle School Band Solo/Ensemble performers

Folk singer to perform hands-on concert

Wolf Trap Artsplay Performing Arts will be performing for parents and educators at Grayling Elementary School on Monday, May 8, from 6:30 to 7:30 p.m.

Wolf Trap is a hands-on presentation that integrates music, movement, and drama for parents and educators of young children. Wolf Trap artist,

Wanda Degan, a folk musician from East Lansing. Degan sings and specializes in playing autoharp and dulcimers. She has worked as a preschool music teacher since 1981 has performed since 1983 in the trio Lady of the Lakes and joined the Wolf Trap Institute in 1989.

Degan performs for all ages at schools, libraries, festivals and museums around the state. She has two recordings of children's music available. This performance workshop is sponsored by N.E.M.C.S.A., Grayling Head Start Staff and Grayling Early Elementary Staff.

Illusionist/psychic to appear at Kirtland

Craig Karges, psychic magician and mind reader, will be appearing at Kirtland Community College on Saturday, May 13, at 8 p.m.

Karges has appeared on *The Tonight Show* with Jay Leno, and on CNN's *Larry King Live*. Using total audience participation, he presents a fantastic

display of illusion and psychic happenings.

Tickets are \$15 for section A, \$13 for section B, and \$11 for section C. Tickets can be reserved by calling Kirtland's Center for the Performing Arts' ticket office at (517) 275-5121, extension 225.

'Meet at City Hall' an opportunity for national repentance

On Thursday, May 4, concerned citizens throughout Michigan and the nation are urged to gather at their local city halls to pray for a moral rebirth in our land.

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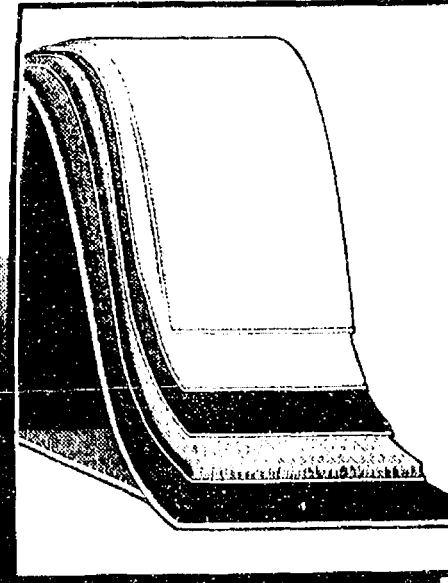
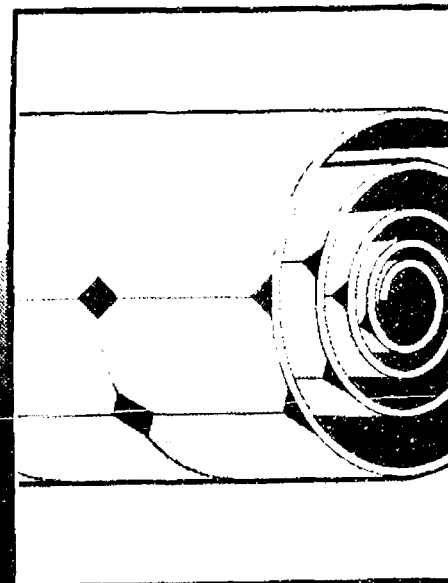
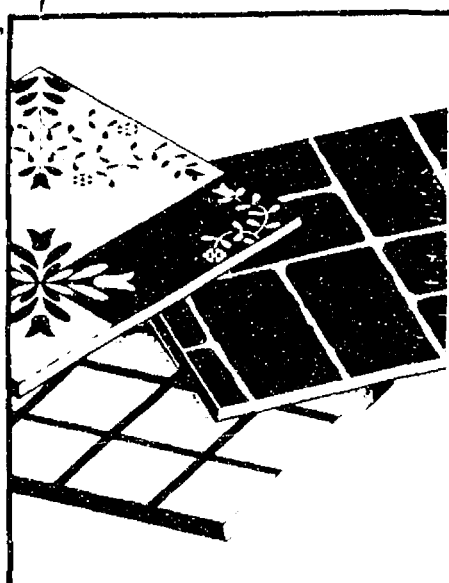
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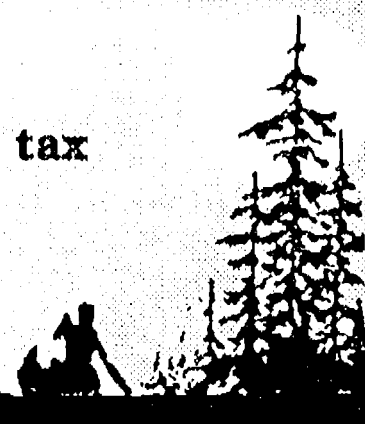
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ENGAGEMENT ANNOUNCED—John and Cheryl Alef of Grayling, would like to announce the engagement of their daughter, Angela Michelle Harland, to James Arthur Horsch, son of John and Peggy Horsch of Rochester Hills. Angela is a 1992 graduate of Grayling High School. James is a graduate of Michigan State University, with a degree in computer science. He is currently a systems engineer for Analytical Technologys in Indianapolis, IN, where the couple now reside. An Aug. 12 wedding is planned.

Tickets on sale now for Shirley Jones concert

Shirley Jones will be appearing at Kirtland Community College on Saturday, June 10, at 2 p.m. and at 8 p.m.

Card of thanks

Thank you, Brad Scheer, for your continuing support of our bowling team. We had an excellent season overall, but came up nine pins short for the victory. We greatly appreciate everything!

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'American Detectives' featured at Kirtland Community College

A course that combines the best features of enjoyable summer reading, film study, and literature will be taught at Kirtland Community College. "American Detectives" will meet from 9 a.m. to 12 noon on Tuesdays and Thursdays from June 6 to July 27.

Taught by Maggie Tatum, the class will trace the development of the detective in American fiction from the writings of Edgar Allan Poe to contemporary writers such as Rex Stout, Mickey Spillane, and Sara Paretsky.

A special feature of the course is

that film adaptations of some of the novels will be studied with the books on which they are based.

Tatum explained that in spite of their differences, American detectives share some common traits. "They work for themselves. They work for the right side of the law even though they bend the law to achieve their good ends. And they set themselves apart from society," said Tatum. Most importantly, Tatum selected novels which are "good reads."

For more information about the course, contact Maggie Tatum at 517-275-5121.

BITS OF TALK

By Fay Bovee

Mrs. Ruth Jourdan of Long Beach, CA, has been visiting Barbara Nelson for two weeks. They spent the Easter weekend visiting Mr. and Mrs. Michael Rinas in Owosso.

Mrs. Robert Munn of West Branch has visited several times recently with her two aunts, Mrs. Mildred Blaine and Mrs. Ingeborg Raue.

Bob and Jackie Ruddy spent a week in Ohio visiting some of their family. Bob helped their son, Mike, launch his sailboat at Sandusky, where he will have it for the summer season. Another son, Brian of Medina, was married on Feb. 23, to Irene Fencak. The marriage took place at the home of Michael and Deborah Ruddy in Medina with Rev. Patterson officiating. Their attendants were Michael and Deborah Ruddy and the bride's son, Patrick, was the ring bearer. In the absence of the bride's parents, who live in Czechoslovakia, Bob Ruddy gave the bride away. A reception was held at the Ruddy home immediately following the ceremony.

The local Grayling Masonic Camping Club, which are known as the Northern Knights, caravaned to Berea, KY, for the annual Friendship Rally which was planned by the Masonic Camping group from Berea. Attending from Grayling were Bob and Eileen Chappel, Don and Dorothy Sorenson, Bea Smith, Mel and Mary

Passmore, Bill and Dee Decker, Steve and Winn Gasper, Ted and Mary Jasinski, and Don and Ernestine Palmer. Enroute, they stopped at Salina, OH, for a potluck dinner at a campground. They visited the Kentucky Horse Farm, Renfro Valley, and the Old Town in Berea. While they were there, Bea Smith celebrated her 88th birthday and she had *Happy Birthday* sung to her by about 200 people who were attending the rally.

Sharon Hagerman and Diane Doremire joined Jack Hagerman's four sisters and his niece, and the seven of them flew to Paris for a week's tour of Paris and some of the surrounding countryside. They did a lot of sightseeing in the week, enjoying the Champs Elysee, the Eiffel Tower, Notre Dame Cathedral in Paris, Versailles, the cathedral at Chartres and the town of Blois and the Chateau de Chambord. They had a very good time and enjoyed the French hospitality.

Sixteen women from the Grayling Order of the Eastern Star #83 traveled to Flint on April 28 to meet with the OES Chapter #138. The two groups are sister chapters for this year. The Flint chapter initiated two new members and served delicious refreshments before the Grayling group returned home.

OBITUARIES

Vincent Kulick

Vincent J. Kulick, 67, of Grayling, died Wednesday, April 26, 1995, at Mercy Hospital, Grayling. A memorial mass was held Saturday, April 29, at 11 a.m., at St. Thomas Aquinas Catholic Church in Saginaw, with Reverend Brendan Wroblewski officiating. Arrangements were made by Sorenson Funeral Home, McEvers Chapel.

Mr. Kulick was born Jan. 22, 1928, in Saginaw. He moved to Grayling in 1981, from Saginaw, following his retirement from the City of Saginaw Police Department, after 27 years of employment there. He was a member of the American Legion Post in St. Helen, and Fraternal Order of Police, Saginaw.

Mr. Kulick was preceded in death by his parents, John and Sarah Kuligowski; brother, George Kuligowski; and sister, Regina Novak.

Margaret Ingalls

Margaret F. Ingalls, 88, of Grayling, died Sunday, April 30, 1995, at Hilltop Manor in Roscommon. Funeral services will be held Wednesday, May 3, at 1 p.m., at Sorenson Funeral Home, McEvers Chapel, with Reverend Douglas Paterson officiating. Burial will be in Elmwood Cemetery, Grayling.

Mrs. Ingalls was born Aug. 23, 1906, in East Jordan, the second of seven children. She moved to Grayling in 1927 from East Jordan, and was married that year in Grayling, to Ora Ingalls. She was employed as a cook in several local restaurants before retiring.

Mrs. Ingalls was preceded in death by her husband, Ora Ingalls, in 1974; three sisters; three brothers; parents, Joseph and Elmyra (Staley) Perry; and infant son, Leon Orville Ingalls.

Survivors include: Daughter, Betty and husband Harry Miller of Grayling; son, Wayne and wife Joyce Ingalls of Tavares, FL; seven grandchildren; and six great-grandchildren.

The family suggests memorials to the American Cancer Society, in her memory.

In memory of

In memory of my beloved mother, Belle I. Walker, who passed away May 1, 1976.

We miss you so deeply, Mom, with every passing day. Our precious sweet memories forever to stay.

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and children

In memory of

In memory of my beloved husband and father, Albert A. Lafountain. You are gone but not forgotten.

Your wife, and children
Violet Lafountain

Leona Martella

Leona E. Martella, 89, of Grayling, died Saturday, April 29, 1995, at Timberview Manor in Frederic. A wake service was followed with rosary at 7 p.m., Sunday, April 30, at Sorenson Funeral Home, McEvers Chapel. Funeral services were held Monday, May 1, at 11 a.m., at St. Mary's Catholic Church in Grayling, with Reverend Michael Corner officiating. Burial was in Maple Grove Cemetery at 4 p.m. on Monday, in Kaleva.

Pallbearers were Edward III, William and David Martella, Mike Stevens, Jim Bogie and Brad Latuszek.

Mrs. Martella was born Feb. 23, 1906, in Bay City. She had been a resident of Grayling for eight years, previously living in Kaleva and Detroit. She was a homemaker.

Mrs. Martella was a member of St. Mary's Catholic Church in Grayling, V.F.W. Auxiliary, Kaleva Post, and a former member of St. Raphael's Catholic Church in Copemish.

Mrs. Martella was preceded in death by her husband, Edward Martella, Sr., on Oct. 6, 1988; daughter, Edith Marie Suttiff in 1973, and by her parents, Victor and Edith (Peck) Compau.

Survivors include: son, Edward and wife Marge Martella of Grayling; eight grandchildren; and 10 great-grandchildren.

The family suggests memorials to St. Mary's Catholic Church in Grayling.

Card of thanks

After my recent internment at Mercy Hospital and Munson Medical Center, I would like to extend some well-deserved thank yous.

To Dr. Kevin Clayton, Dr. Bill McNamara and the staff of Mercy Hospital, for all their care and consideration to me and my family.

To all my co-workers at Mercy Manor, for their gifts and well wishes. To Pastor Hammond, his family and the parishioners of the First Baptist Church of Frederic, for their prayers.

To all my family and friends, especially Mary Lynn, for all their kindness, gifts, help and concern.

To Doug, his family, and my children, for all their love and support.

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- Plant in small raised garden beds or planting containers for less bending and stretching;

- Wear an apron with pockets to carry trowels, clippers and other small hand tools;

- Avoid gripping or grasping tightly for very long periods. Divide work

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- Use the strongest or largest joint possible to do the work.

Many tools are available, such as a trowel or hoe with extension handles to reduce bending;

- Swivel-handle attachments for shovels and 2-hand attachments for rakes, hoes and pushbrooms to help prevent back strain.

To learn more, ask the

Arthritis Foundation chapter for a free copy of *Using Your Joints Wisely*. For general information and a free "Basic Facts" brochure, call the Arthritis Foundation Information Line, 1-800-283-7800.

The Arthritis Foundation supports research to find ways to cure and prevent arthritis and seeks to improve the quality of life for those affected by arthritis.

Senior Power Day set for May 10

Michigan Senior Power Day is a statewide gathering of senior citizens. On Wednesday, May 10, at the Lansing Center in the State Capitol, senior citizens from around Michigan will gather to:

- Learn about issues important to them;
- Let the elected officials in Lansing know how

seniors feel about those issues.

- Meet other seniors with the same concerns and interests, and,

- Have some fun!

For 21 years, Michigan Senior Power Day has been working for Michigan seniors. The board of directors is comprised of a non-partisan diverse assembly of individuals

representing organizations from throughout Michigan.

To learn more about Senior Power Day, call or

write Michigan Senior Power Day, 115 W. Allegan, Suite 610, Lansing, MI 48933, 517-482-4725.

RSVP HAPPENINGS

By Gloria Mologianes

Monday, May 8, is the Senior Volunteer mothers' day. We have changed the place and time. It will be at the senior center on Lawndale from 11 a.m. to 12 noon. Provided it is good weather, it will be in front of the garage across the street from Home, Inc., and Mt. Hope Lutheran back room of the center, so please use the side door to pick up your boxes.

Donation letters were recently sent out to area businesses and the following businesses We missed you and are made donations in support of the Retired

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Out to Lunch bunch takes to the road

The "OTL" bunch (Out to Lunch Bunch) hits the road again this month and goes to Harrison's community center for dancing that starts at 10 a.m. on Friday, May 26. The bus will leave the center at 9 a.m., sharp so sign up early for this special trip. Good food

and good companions — you can't beat the combination. Transportation and lunch is \$5 and the Commission on Aging needs reservations by Wednesday, May 24. Call the center at 517-348-7123.

Respite care available to area seniors

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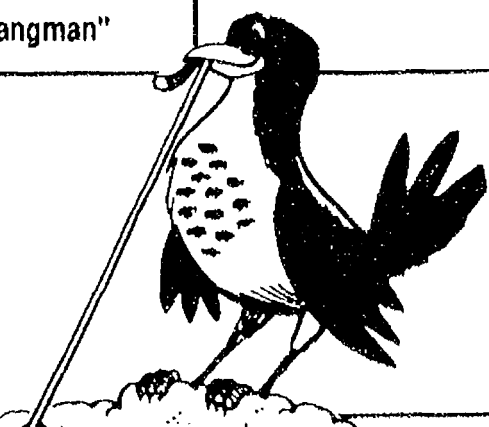
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MAY

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
1. 12:00 - Stag Cards 5:30 - Movie "Witness" w/Harrison Ford	2. 10:00 - Crafts 10:00 - Exercise 11:00 - Line Dance 1:00 - RSVP Ladies 2:00 - Kit Band 3:00 - Song Birds 5:30 - Cards Nite	3. 10:00 - Quilting 10:30 - Bible Study 1:00 - Stag Club 5:30 - "BK" Bingo Birthday Party	4. 9:00 - Class: U.S. Government 1:00 - Class: U.S. History 5:30 - Fun & Games	5. Lunch. However No Dinner. SUNDAY BRUNCH CHIPPED BEEF ON TOAST, EGGS, ETC.
8. ... FOOT CLINIC ... 12:00 - Stag Cards 5:30 - Movie "Pretty Woman"	9. 10:00 - Crafts 10:00 - Exercise 11:00 - Line Dance 1:00 - RSVP Ladies 2:00 - Kit Band 3:00 - Song Birds 5:30 - "White Elephant Auction"	10. 10:00 - Quilting 10:30 - Bible Study 1:00 - Stag Club 5:30 - Fun & Games	11. BPs 11 am - 12 noon 9:00 - Class: US Government 1:00 - Class: US History MOTHER'S DINNER 5:30 - Dance with Tina	12. 11:30 - Frederic Satellite Lunch. However No Dinner. HAPPY MOTHER'S DAY
15. 12:00 - Stag Cards 5:30 - Movie "Four Weddings and a Funeral"	16. 10:00 - Crafts 10:00 - Exercise 11:00 - Line Dance 1:00 - RSVP Ladies 2:00 - Kit Band 3:00 - Song Birds 5:30 - Card Nite	17. 10:00 - Quilting 10:30 - Bible Study 1:00 - Stag Club 5:30 - COA Board Meeting Public Welcome	18. 9:00 - Class: U.S. Government 1:00 - Class: US History MAY HONOREES BIRTHDAY DINNER	19. 11:30 - Lovells Satellite Lunch. However No Dinner 21. Potluck 4 pm Dish & Tableware
22. 12:00 - Stag Cards 5:30 - Movie "Trip to Bountiful"	23. 10:00 - Crafts 10:00 - Exercise 11:00 - Line Dance 1:00 - RSVP Ladies 2:00 - Kit Band 3:00 - Song Bird 5:30 - Fun & Games	24. 10:00 - Quilting 10:30 - Bible Study 1:00 - Stag Club 5:30 - "R & R"	25. BPs 11 am - 12 noon 9:00 - Class: U.S. Government 1:00 - Class: US History 5:30 - "Hangman"	26. "OTL" BUNCH TO HARRISON 1:30 - Legal Help No Dinner
29. MEMORIAL DAY CENTER CLOSED	30. 10:00 - Crafts 10:00 - Exercise 11:00 - Line Dance 1:00 - RSVP Ladies 2:00 - Kit Band 3:00 - Song Birds 5:30 - Fun & Games	31. 10:00 - Quilting 10:30 - Bible Study 1:00 - Stag Club 5:30 - "WESTERN" Dance with Tina		



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SENIOR CITIZEN NEWS

By Jan Farley

Special thought for the week: In the final analysis, for the believer there are no questions, and for the non-believer, there are no answers.

Get your reservations in early for the Mother's Day dinner and dance on May 11. Cornish game hens on the menu and lemon pie for dessert! Games and prizes, plus dancing to the music of Tina Kennedy following. P.S. All the dads are welcome, too, because without them....

The Roarin' 20s dance was very successful in that so many of the gals dressed up in their beads and flounces and had a really good time shimmying around the dance floor. Guys didn't look too shabby either!

We are returning to the special birthday dinners every month and for May honorees it will be on the 18th and subsequent months on the third Thursday, so be sure to mark your

calendars and come help them celebrate.

The BK Bingo will continue as just that; same night (first Wednesday of the month, that's tonight) at 5:30 p.m. and the prizes will be BK coupons. There will be punch and cookies following.

Don't forget the Sunday brunch on May 7, from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. and the featured item will be chipped beef on toast.

Remember the "Big Picture" on Monday at the movies, 5:30 p.m.

May 8-Pretty Woman with Richard Gere and Julia Roberts.

May 15-Four Weddings and a Funeral.

May 22-Trip to Bountiful.

May 29-Memorial Day, the center is closed.

Mark your calendars and come on in!

Come and eat at the center. The meals are tasty, well balanced, and you don't have to do the dishes. Any senior, or spouse, in Crawford County that is 60 or older, is welcome and bring your friends and families. The suggested donation is \$1.50 for seniors and a \$2.50 charge for those under 60.

Please take note! Reservations are recommended, however, we can always take a few walk-ins -- but for the most part, try and call ahead. Meals are served at noon and 5 p.m., Monday through Thursday and at noon only on Fridays. Menus are subject to change and are listed as lunch/dinner.

Lunch/Dinner:

May 3- Brown Steak/Spaghetti Rice;
May 4- Meatballs/BBQ Beef;
May 5- Pork Chops;
May 8- Wiener Schnitzel/Goulash;
May 9- Chicken Kiev/Sweet & Sour Meatballs;

May 10-Hawaiian Ham/Swiss Steak;
May 11-Fish/Cornish Game Hens;
May 12-Roast Beef.

Coming Events

May 3-BK Bingo party.
May 4-Fun & Games.
May 7-Sunday Brunch.
May 8-Pretty Woman.
May 9-White Elephant Auction;
May 10-Fun & Games.
May 11-BP's taken 11 a.m. to 12 noon; Mother's Day dinner and dance beginning at 5 p.m.
May 12-Frederic Satellite at 11:30 a.m.

Happy Mother's Day to one and all from all of us at the COA!

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ASSET Testing must be completed for admission to the accelerated program. For further information

contact the testing office at 517-275-5121, extension 280. For further information on the program, contact Kirtland's Department of Law Enforcement Education at 517-275-5121, extension 283.

Registration for the summer semester at Kirtland will be held Thursday and Friday, June 1 and 2, from 9 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. in the student services office on campus.

Tuition will be assessed at \$46 per credit hour for in-district students, and \$63 per credit hour for out-of-district students, plus fees. All tuition and fees are due at the time of registration.

Students need to show two proofs of residency when registering. These proofs include: A tax receipt, voter's registration card, Secretary of State I.D. Card, rent receipt (with address

on it), and a driver's license.

For further information or a copy of the summer schedule, contact Kirtland's Admissions Office at 517-275-5121.

In an effort to meet increased interest and demand, a variety of new academic courses will be offered this fall at Kirtland. Many of these courses should be of interest to those planning to transfer to a 4-year university, as well as community members or those interested in taking a course for personal enrichment.

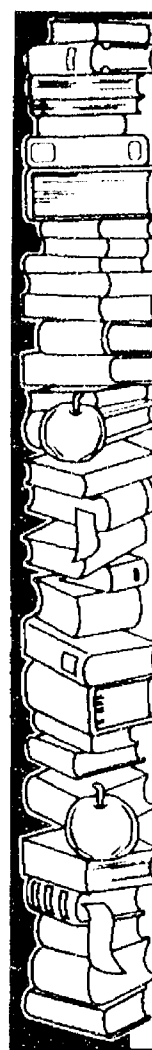
Some of the new courses include: Racial, Cultural and Ethnic Diversity; Applied Beginning Algebra; Topics in Literature-Michigan Authors; English Literature; Science Discovery; Stagecraft; and Modern Dance. All will be offered this fall, many for the

first time. Additional new courses in vocational related areas include: Basic Emergency Medical Technician; Introduction to Hospitality; Energy Based Bodywork; Topics in Massage Therapy; Medical Typing; and Introduction to Health Information Systems.

Students may take any of these courses for credit, or may audit (no credit/grade given), if they're interested in learning about the topic, but are not interested in receiving a grade.

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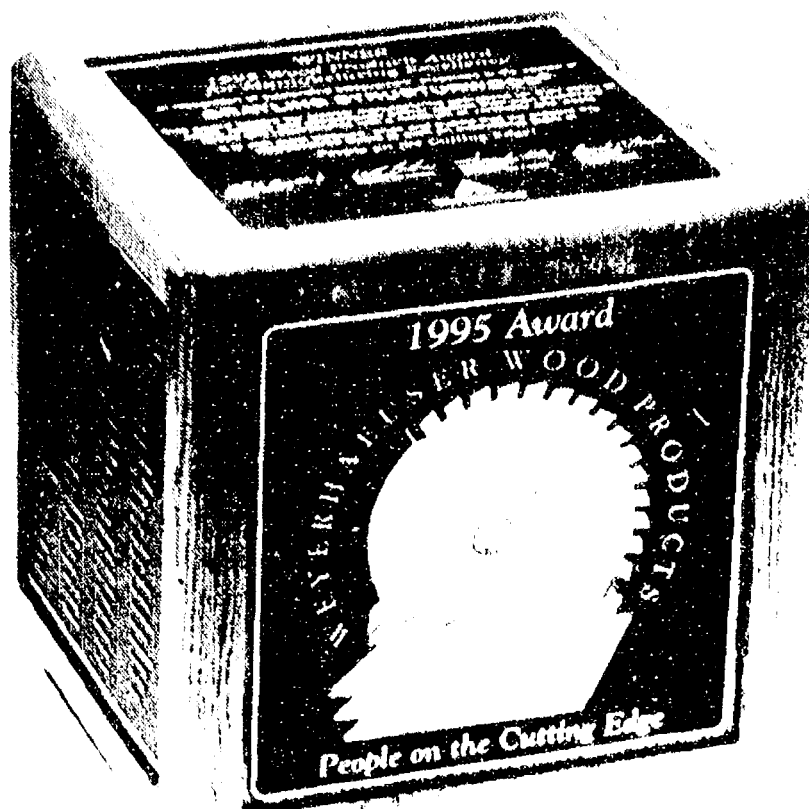
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Grayling Weyerhaeuser plant employees win 'Award for Manufacturing Excellence'

At a reception and dinner held Saturday, April 29, in their honor, the 185 employees of Weyerhaeuser's Grayling Structurwood plant were recognized for winning the company's prestigious 1995 Wood Products Award for Manufacturing Excellence. The award — a team trophy and \$25,000 to improve their work environment — was formally accepted by four representative members of the Grayling team.

The award was presented by Bill Corbin, executive vice president of Weyerhaeuser's Wood Products Division, who came from the company's Tacoma, WA headquarters to honor the Grayling employees. Corbin was joined by Tom Luthy, vice president of Engineered Fiber Products and Howard Meek, vice president of Eastern Engineered Strand Products.

Corbin stated that the Grayling team members clearly demonstrate they operate a world-class facility. "Each and every one of you is a model for all Weyerhaeuser wood products mills. Your leadership and extraordinary performance will help us achieve Weyerhaeuser's vision of becoming



the best forest products company in the world."

"You consistently deliver quality engineered strand products and service to your customers while maintaining outstanding safety and environmental performance," Luthy told team members. "You display the spirit of true champions as a team that is on the cutting edge of excellence in wood products manufacturing."

Phil Dennett, Grayling Structurwood general manager said, "It is a great honor to be recognized by Weyerhaeuser Company. I want to thank each Grayling member, customer and supplier, for without their contribution, dedication and hard work, winning this award would not have been possible."

The award measures three primary criteria against a manufacturing team's performance: 1) Superior on-the-job safety, 2) an environmental record that meets or exceeds Weyerhaeuser's overall environmental goals, and 3) undisputed leadership in consistently

delivering superior quality products to customers, with a minimum of variability and waste. Now in its second year, the award promotes world-class manufacturing standards and exceptional performance in Weyerhaeuser's wood products businesses.

The award ceremony and dinner was held at the Grayling Structurwood facility and was hosted by Meek, who expressed his appreciation to the team members. "We're here to celebrate success," Meek said. "Grayling was Weyerhaeuser's first Structurwood plant. Now we're getting ready to invest \$10 million to make the plant more competitive. We're committed to you as much as you are committed to us. We're going to have a very long and successful relationship here in Grayling for many, many more years. We'll be here, committed to Grayling, Crawford County and Beaver Creek Township, long after we're all retired."

All employees, along with their spouse or family member, were invited to attend along with a number of special

guests. Approximately 250 people participated in the celebration.

Participants were treated to an inspirational multimedia slide show, a buffet dinner, and a "wall of fame" that displayed the names of all team members. Each team member's name will also be inscribed on the trophy, which will be on permanent display in a place of honor at the plant.

The Grayling Structurwood operation uses specialized control technology to produce engineered strand products. During 1994, Grayling produced 400 million square feet of sheathing, flooring, underlayment and specialty products — the most volume produced on a single production line in the industry.

The Grayling facility incorporated the innovative team concept known as High Performance Work System into its original work system design. Since its start-up, employees have been highly involved in day-to-day decision making and are deeply committed to the operation and success of the facility.

The Structurwood plan has achieved a record of 583 days without a lost-time injury. The plant has incorporated the most technologically advanced equipment into the engineered strand process to meet or exceed all local and federal clean air requirements. Emphasis has been put on reducing the volume of waste generated through source reduction, reuse of waste materials in the manufacturing process and through recycling wastes for other beneficial uses.

Since 1982, the Grayling Structurwood operation has contributed over \$50 million annually to the economies of local communities. Working through the Weyerhaeuser Company Foundation, more than \$650,000 has been donated to local community agencies and public service groups.

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AuSable Quilt Guild celebrates 10 years in love of quilting

Everyone knows that Crawford County has long been synonymous with canoe racing, the Michigan National Guard, hunting, fishing and recreation, but did you know that it's also rapidly becoming known as a midwestern center for quality in quilting?

The AuSable Quilt Guild has quietly grown and made its mark until today its members are recognized as some of the finest quilters for many, many miles around.

It all started in 1985 when seven local women, Jane Duvall, Loretta Hassan, Ruth Steffe, Jan Parker, Marian Welsh, Evelyn Wheelock and Jill Wyman, decided to meet every Wednesday to share their love and enthusiasm of quilting. From that group, which met in The Icehouse in Grayling, the group grew to a membership of 65 active quilters from Cheboygan to Ann Arbor.

That first year, the group held a quilt show during the Milltown/AuSable Marathon celebration. The show was such a hit that it was continued each year and has now grown to a major state and national



QUALITY QUILTERS—Ladies of the AuSable Quilt Guild pose during a tenth anniversary celebration, with one of their beautiful quilts. Seated (L to R) are Vice President Marjorie Beinke, President Robin Halleck and Vice President Suzanne Englemann.

attraction for quilters. It is now held biannually at the Grayling Holiday Inn during the AuSable River Festival, the last week of July.

AuSable Quilt Guild members have won many prizes and recognition for their crafts. Marian Welsh's "Susquicentennial 1987" Michigan State Quilt won a state award and was hung in the State Capitol Building, Meadowbrook School, Rochester and the Grayling Chamber of Commerce. Betty Pimlott's "Boston Album" quilt won a statewide competition in 1994. Welsh, Pearl Johnson and Loretta Hassan have had their quilts published in national quilting magazines and Jan Parker was awarded a ribbon at the Kalkaska County Fair.

Not only do guild members promote their craft, they use their talents and creations to benefit their community. Many beautiful quilts have been created for special raffles to benefit area quality of life. Thousands of dollars have been donated from

raffles and auctions to beneficiaries including Grayling Elementary School outdoor recreation, Riverhouse Shelter, Ronald McDonald House, and AIDS babies.

The guild also offers special classes, projects, quilting bees and friendship block programs. Annual retreats to Mackinaw City in the spring and Wa-Wa-Sum, on the AuSable River, in the autumn are special favorites with members. The guild is also always heavily represented at quilt shows in Paducah, KY and Shipshawanna, IN each year.

The AuSable Quilt Guild members take great pride in their accomplishments and the high standards of craftsmanship they maintain. Today the guild meets at the Grayling Knights of Columbus building. Information on the AuSable Quilt Guild can be obtained at The Icehouse, on Norway Street in Grayling.

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Mercy Hospital busy with May celebrations

May is a busy month at Grayling Mercy Hospital as the staff celebrates three important recognition events: National Hospital Week, May 7-13, National Nurses Week, May 6-12, and National Nursing Home Week, May 14-19.

National Hospital Week

"Hospitals: The Heart of a Healthier Community" is the theme of National Hospital Week 1995. Grayling Mercy Hospital is offering free health screenings during the week-long celebration.

Free diabetes and colorectal screenings will be held Monday, May 8, to the public. Come to the main lobby entrance from 8 a.m. to 12 noon, or after work from 4 to 7 p.m., to have your sugar level checked. Rhonda Haske, R.N., diabetes education coordinator, is conducting the free diabetes screening.

Volunteers from the Mercy Hospital

Auxiliary will be passing out free colorectal cancer screening kits during the same time. Individuals complete the test kit at home and return their sample to the Mercy Hospital laboratory by mail. Abnormal results are reported to the patient and their physician for follow-up.

Plan to stop by the hospital Tuesday, May 9, when the Gold Coast Jewelry Sale is held in the private dining room. This 1-day gold sale is sponsored by the Mercy Hospital Auxiliary. A beautiful selection of gold and silver jewelry will be on sale, with proceeds benefitting auxiliary projects.

National Hospital Week arrives in the midst of continuing debate over health care costs, coverage and delivery in America. Health care reform has been the focus of a wide range of recent legislative efforts and continues to be a prominent issue on the national

scene.

During Hospital Week, health care providers are uniting to show pride in their people and their facilities.

"Anyone who has followed the news over the past few years is aware that change is coming in health care," said Stephanie Riemer-Matuzak, chief operating officer at Grayling Mercy Hospital. "What kind of change we can expect and how rapidly changes will take effect in northern Michigan is still the subject of some debate."

"During National Hospital Week we're making it clear that, no matter what the future holds, individuals in our area can expect the same commitment to quality and devotion to our patients," Riemer-Matuzak added.

Nurses Week

The work done by America's 2.2 million registered nurses to promote and maintain the health of individuals

and the nation is the focus of this year's National Nurses Week. The week begins on May 6, National Nurses Day and the birthday of Florence Nightingale, founder of nursing as a modern profession. During this week the Professional Practice Committee at Grayling Mercy Hospital is planning several events for employees. A taco party, talent show and "walk a day in my shoes" are traditional favorites of Mercy employees.

National Nursing Home Week

The staff and residents at Mercy Manor will be celebrating National Nursing Home Week, May 14-19. The kickoff is Friday, May 12, when the annual dinner dance is held for residents. A family picnic and pinewood derby are also planned.

As a fundraiser, Mercy Manor staff is selling raffle tickets for a 3-foot Santa Claus created by Jane Kimball, local artist and Mercy employee. Tickets are available for \$1 each or 6 for \$5 at the Manor.

For more information about the activities planned at Mercy during May, call the Community Relations Department at 348-0368.



METAMERE DANCE COMPANY—After 18 hours of competition, the girls still look good at 2:30 a.m. for awards. Front, seated, Alexis Mick; first row, left to right, Jackie Murphy, Jill St. Germain, Gretchen Brown, Heather Lameroux, Angela Zubeck; second row, Allison Schoen, Krista McDonald, Heather Bonamie, Brandi McClain.

Dance company completes season

The Metamere Dance Co. competition team from Louise Tournaud School of Dance finished out their competition season with a bang. The team competed in Lansing during the month of January at Applause Talent Competition and then traveled to Flint for Dance Educators of America Competition and workshops, in March. The team competed from 7 a.m. Saturday morning until 11:30 p.m.

The dancers took workshops from national and internationally-known instructors. Both competitions had over 900 dancers competing in many categories such as jazz, ballet, tap and gymnastics.

In April, the team participated in the I Love Dance competition with 700 other dancers from Michigan, Canada, Pennsylvania, and Ohio.

"The dancers improved 100 percent from their first competition in January," said Tournaud. "I could see the development in their stage presence and technique. I am very proud of them."

The team took home a total of 54 first-place trophies, four second and thirds, and one sixth-place (92.7) score.

The dance team will be practicing hard this summer to have another great season next year.

Dancers that competed were Brandi

McClain, Jill St. Germain, Gretchen Brown, Angela Zubeck, Stacy Rider, Krista McDonald, Ashley Longendyke, Mandi Sinnaeve, Jayme

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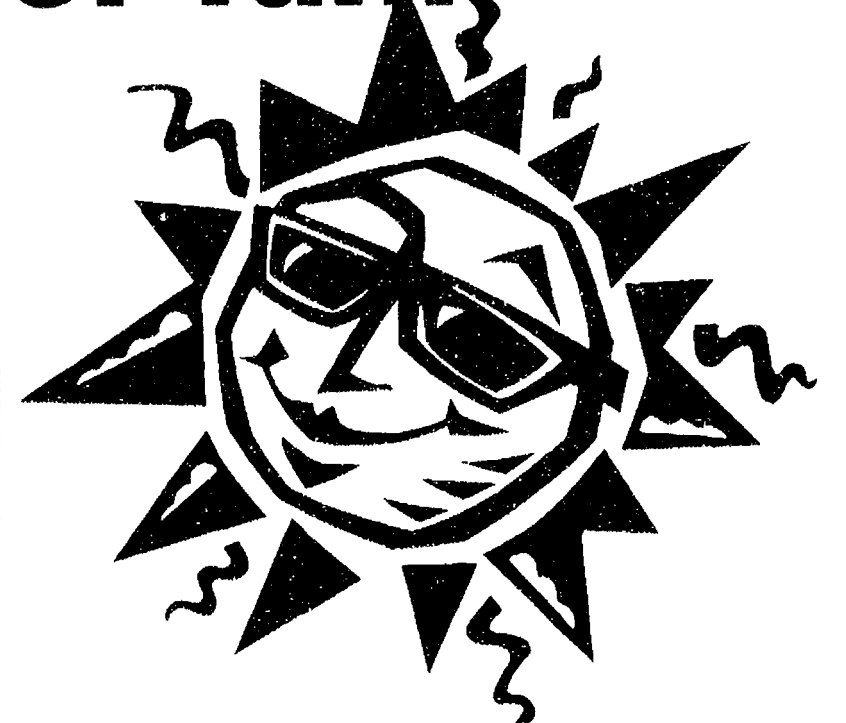


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Respecki is a 1994 graduate of Grayling High School.

Air Force Senior Airman Jeffrey M. Palmer has arrived for duty at Hill Air Force Base, Ogden, UT.

Palmer, an avionic systems specialist, is the son of Michael L. Palmer of Grayling.

He is a 1988 graduate of Grayling High School.

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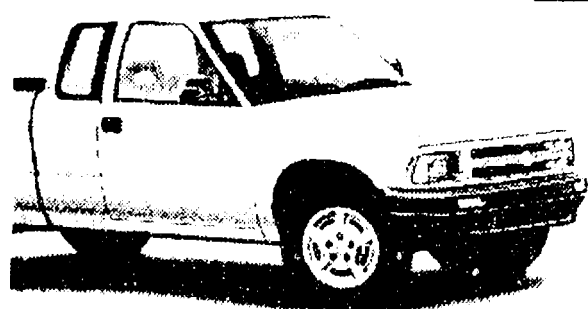
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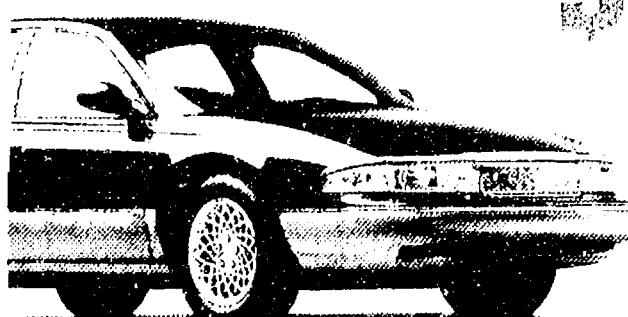
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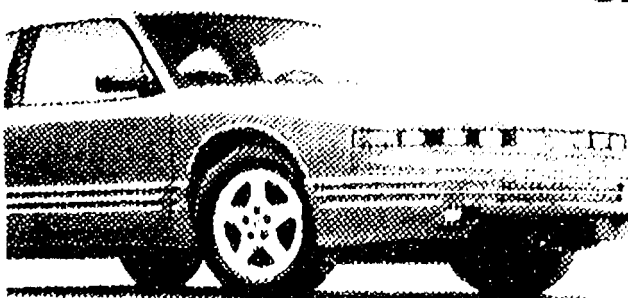
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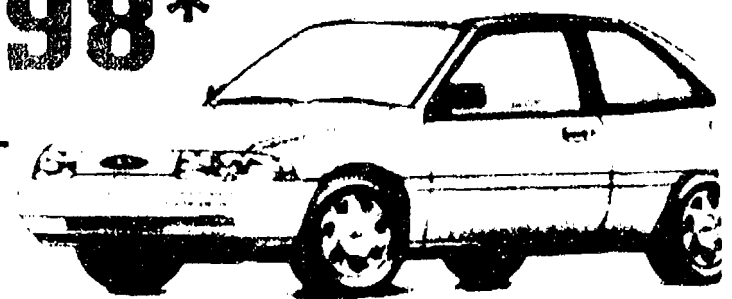
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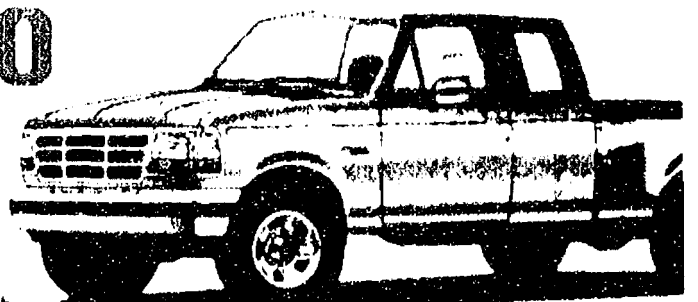
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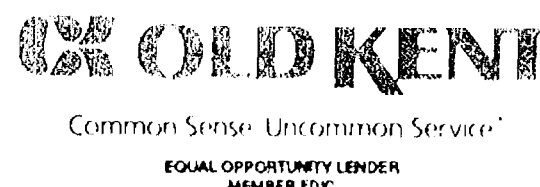
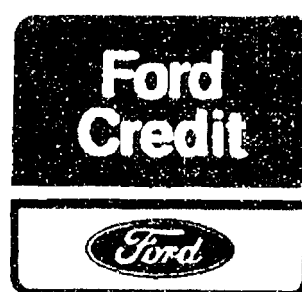
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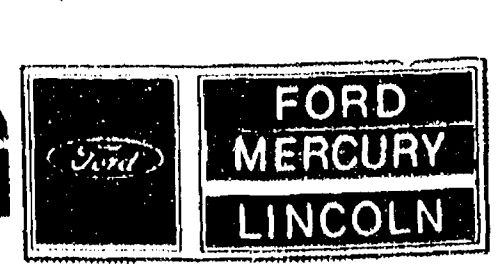
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Section B

Thursday, May 4, 1995

5,000 Acres Burned

Fire Losses Hit \$3.5 Million

By Irene Pettyjohn

The most destructive forest fire in Crawford County history swept through the area on Tuesday, May 8, destroying homes and outbuildings valued at nearly \$3.5 million. The DNR said the fire was started by "human activity."

Miraculously, the only fire related injury reported was smoke inhalation by a fireman who was treated and released from Mercy Hospital. The injury occurred during the evacuation effort when the fireman pushed open a door and was met with a thick cloud of black smoke.

The fire burned more than 5,000 acres destroying 81 residences (year-round homes, vacation homes, cabins and mobile homes), 115 outbuildings, and 37 motor vehicles such as snowmobiles, ORV's, boats, trucks, and cars.

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DNR fire officer Duane Brooks said the fire could be the most expensive forest fire in Michigan's history.

He said the fire appeared to have started off Thendara Road and burned out of control from about 3:56 to 11 p.m. The fire traveled in a north easterly direction for about nine miles jumping Stephan Bridge Road just south of the bridge, the AuSable River at Guides Rest, and North Down River Road twice before it was contained in a swampy area near Dyer Trail. It was finally extinguished by heavy rains on Thursday.

Governor James Blanchard declared the county a disaster area at about 10:50 p.m. on Tuesday and he and DNR director David Hales visited the burned area on Wednesday afternoon. Designation as a disaster area will allow victims to apply for state aid to help with reconstruction efforts.

DNR fire fighting units from all over northern and north central Michigan were called in to battle the blaze. Volunteer fire departments from surrounding counties, as well as every fire dept. in Crawford County assisted in the fire fighting effort. The Michigan National Guard fire unit assisted with men and equipment. An Ohio National Guard helicopter crew fought the fire with their Bambi Bucket until additional helicopters could be flown in by the Michigan National Guard. Eventually three buckets were used to carry water to the fire.

The Crawford County Sheriff Dept. was assisted by the Michigan State Police, military MP's, and sheriff departments from several neighboring counties. Conservation officers were called in from all over northern Michigan.

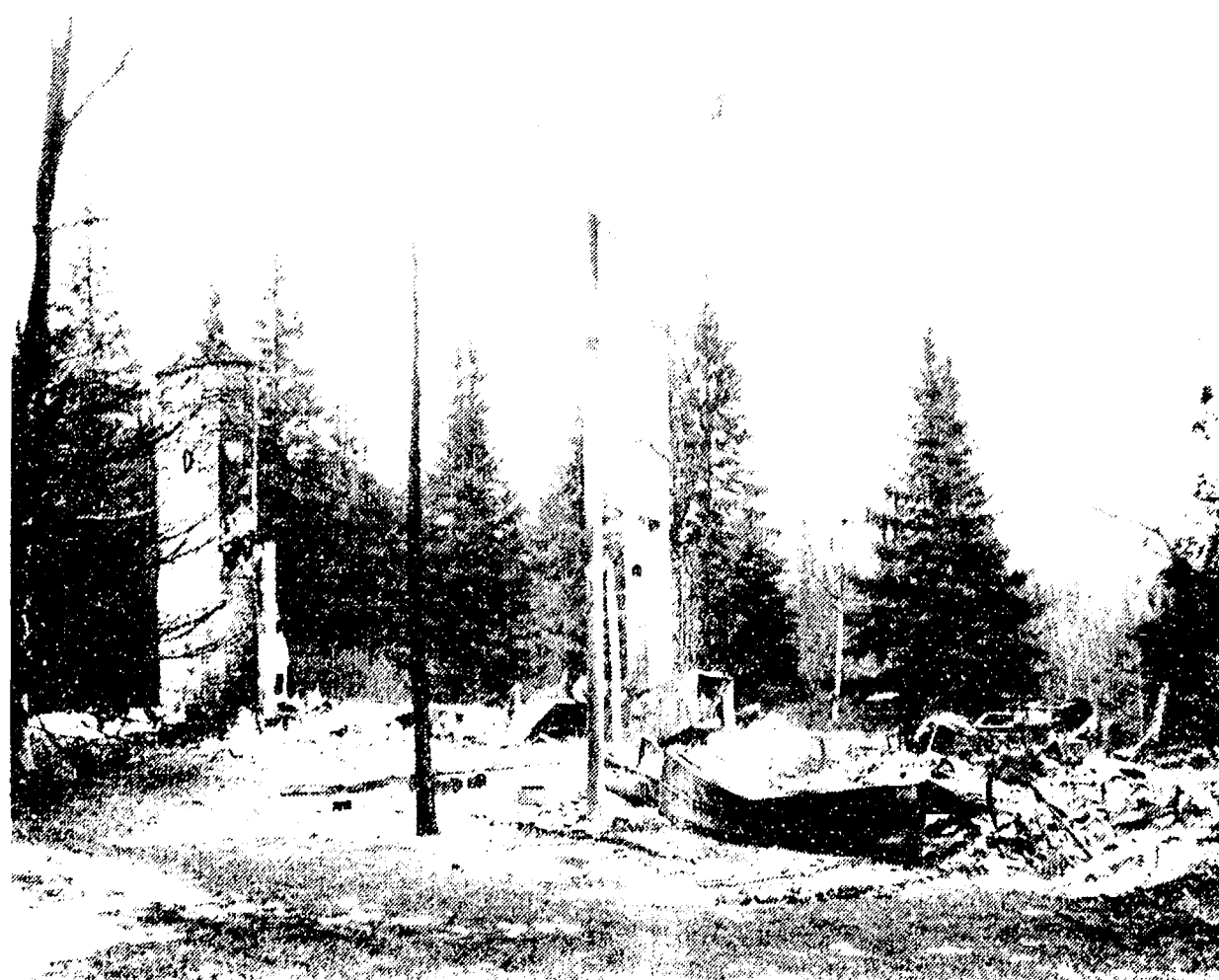
About 150 persons worked together to evacuate the area, contain the fire, and control traffic. Equipment at the fire included 73 tractors/plows and water units.

Brooks said there was machinery lined up for about a block down both sides of Stephan Bridge Road.

More than 300 persons were evacuated Tuesday afternoon. Shelter was provided at the Michelson Memorial United Methodist Church, the Grayling High School gymnasium and Camp Grayling. Some stayed with friends.

Residents were allowed to return to the evacuated area about 4 p.m. on Wednesday afternoon. Some residents complained because they had been kept out of the area 17 hours after the fire had been contained, but Brooks said this was necessary to allow the electric utilities time to cut power to all downed electric wires and to ensure there was no further danger of propane gas tank explosions.

Many of those who had been evacuated returned to find their homes as they had left them, but others found only ash where their homes once stood.

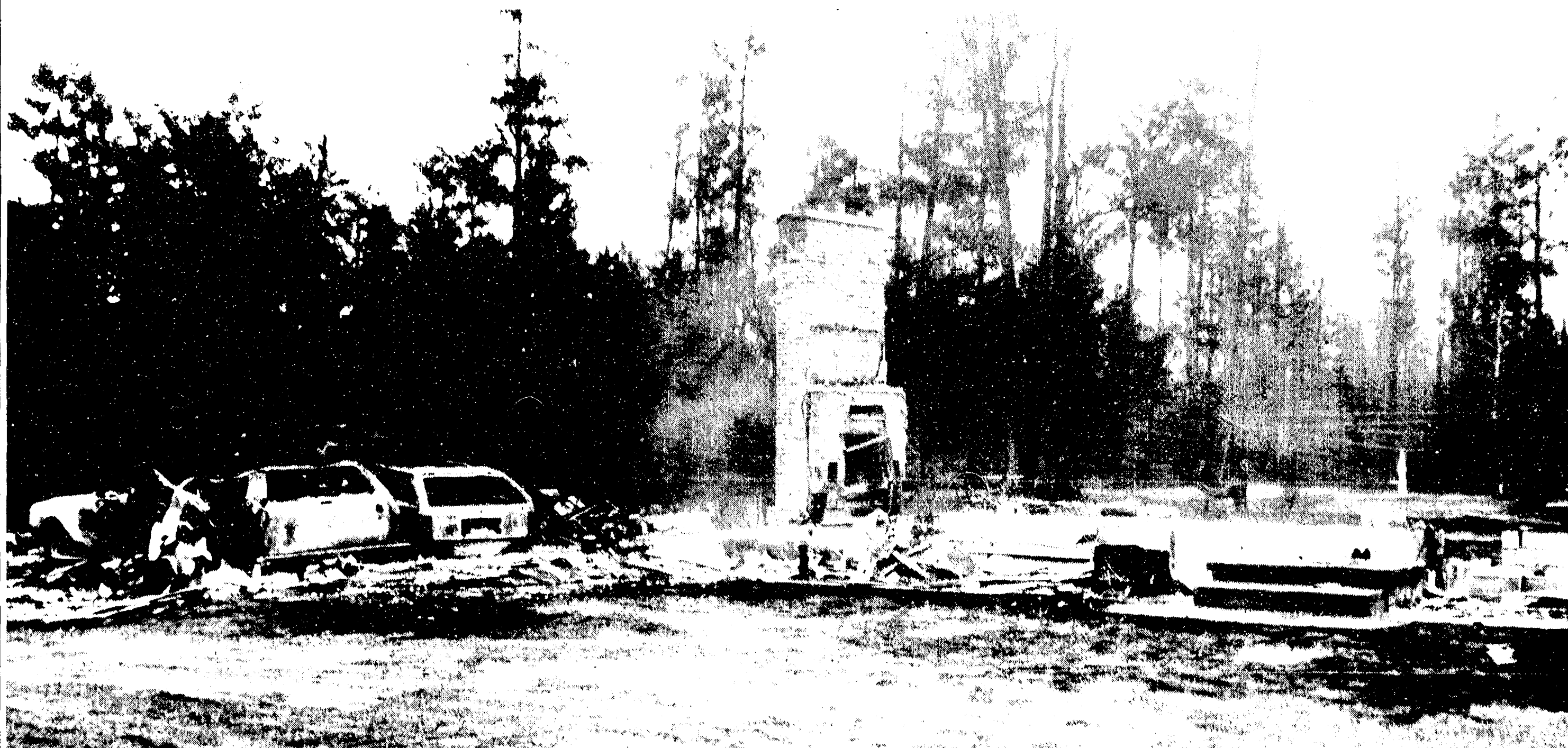


DELEON HOME--Only the chimneys and satellite dish remained of the Paul DeLeon home.



TOTAL LOSS--This is all that remained of Carl and Sally Yost's home on Stephan Bridge Road. After consuming their home the fire traveled on, leaving their garage intact. Photo by Irene Pettyjohn

The Most Destructive Fire in Crawford County



SMOKING RUBBLE--The remains of this home on Pappy's Trail shows the destruction of Tuesday's fire. It also shows how the fire jumped around taking and leaving property. The fire destroyed the house and both cars, but left the clothes lines behind the house. Photo by Jon Thompson

Great destruction still evident five years after wildfire



LIFE GOES ON, BUT IS EVER SO SLOW IN RETURNING--This series of pictures was taken in late April of this year (1995). Above, a new home stands wide open to passing traffic on North Down River Road, where once it would have been completely hidden by trees.



Above right, burned jackpines still stand as the only reminder of a once healthy forest bordering North Down River Road.

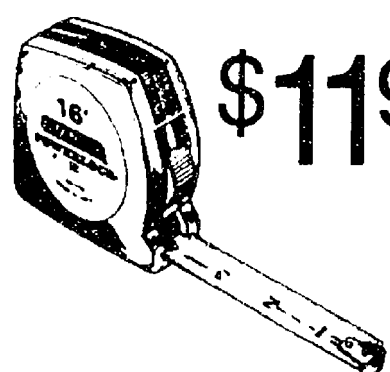
Only charred stumps remain (right, second from top), in front of this new home off Stephan Bridge Road.

The hill just south of Stephan Bridge (right, third from top) is a bleak reminder of the destruction of the county's largest wildfire.

(Below right) Lichens grow abundantly from this burned out stump just off Moshier Truck Trail, the beginning of a new life-cycle.

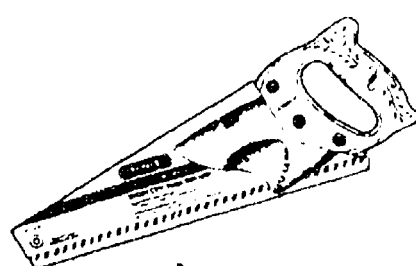
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Remembrances of the horror that was May 8, 1990

By Nancy Lemmen

"We lost everything — 70 years of things," says Art Kerle, whose house was destroyed in the wildfire that swept across nearly 6,000 acres east of Grayling on Tuesday, May 8, 1990.

His was one of the more than 76 homes — as well as 125 other structures and 37 vehicles and boats — that were destroyed or heavily damaged as the fire, which raged for five hours over a course of eight miles.

The blaze originated from a home owner's controlled burn of a pile of brush and timber weeks earlier, when snow still covered the ground. Although it was assumed the fire had been completely extinguished, in truth it had continued to smolder undetected, only to burst into an out-of-control wildfire around 3:50 p.m. on a dry, windy, warm day.

Half a decade later, victims of the forest fire have not forgotten — nor totally recovered from — the tragic events of that spring day.

Some, such as Art and Helen Kerle, lost and rebuilt their homes on the same sites. Others, such as Ron and Dorri Lewis, moved elsewhere after their homes were burned to the ground.

There are some, including Mike and Beth Wieland, who sustained losses, but continue to live in the burned area. Still others, such as Patty Hawkins, saw their homes spared, but chose to move out of the area.

Following are the stories of four families whose homes lay in the path of the vicious wildfire. They share their candid memories of the devastating event, as well as their successes and failures in rebuilding their lives from the ashes and rubble.

ART AND HELEN KERLE

"Every time I drive by those trees, every day, I'm reminded there was a fire," says Art Kerle, who — with his wife Helen — lost eight acres of trees on their eight and two-thirds acres adjacent to the Mainstream of the AuSable River.

They tried a major replanting with 13,000 red pines purchased from the State of Michigan in the spring of 1991. But over 95% of the seedlings died from root fungus, says Art. Since then, they have planted only about 50 trees, dug from friends' property.

They are among the residents who chose to leave their dead trees standing, even though they serve as a daily reminder of the fire.

"We didn't like the look of a moonscape when the trees were bulldozed," says Art. "They're going back into the soil now as nutrients."

The Kerles, whose home was reduced to ashes, chose to rebuild on the same site.

"A lot of people told us to move," says Helen. "But we're glad we're here. We wouldn't move from here unless we had to."

"We like it here," adds Art. "We bought the home as a cottage in 1965, and moved here permanently in '77."

Due to the requirements of the state's natural rivers program, the Kerles had to build their new house in a style similar to their former home.

"We were restricted," says Art. "We couldn't build any bigger or higher or in front of the house."

Until they moved into their rebuilt home on April 7, 1991, the Kerles lived in a 16 x 20-foot cabin on their property that survived the fire.

Although that cabin was not touched, their workshop and garage and two neighboring homes upriver all "went down," along with the Kerles' home, says Art. "So it was evidently less hot here. The fire jumped around."

The Kerles are still trying to replace some of the books and antiques they lost.

Among their losses was a first edition of *Heart of the Antarctic* by Sir Ernest Shackleton — one of 500 leatherbound copies and signed by the author in 1913.

Another was a signed copy of Robert E. Perry's *The North Pole*.

"I can't replace the limited editions, but I have others," says Art, whose son, Arthur Jr., found an unsigned copy of the Shackleton book after the fire and gave it to his father as a gift.

Arthur, who was living with his parents when the fire struck, lost everything he owned, including his computer and 17 Will Moses prints.

There are many possessions that are clearly irreplaceable. In addition to the signed books, the Kerles lost — among other things — family pictures and movies, guns and Helen's doll collection.

Still, what the Kerles say they remember most is the community's

response to them and other victims of the fire.

"We had so much help from friends and strangers, it was overwhelming," says Art. "The priests and ministers were wonderful. The Red Cross and Salvation Army were all very nice. Bill Frasier came out night and day. He came out after midnight one night to give us a telephone message."



BUCKLED FROM INTENSE HEAT--The siding on this house on North Down River Road is completely melted from the heat of the fire, but firefighters were able to protect the structure from complete destruction.

"That was a saving grace," says Helen. "We had more friends than we realized. It's like this Oklahoma thing. Everybody comes to help."

They agree that it was a big help to have people who had been through the fire eat together at St. Mary's Church. "You know how I made it?" Helen asks. "We were coming home from Holland, and I decided that it was God's plan for my life. I could take it."

"We chose to be tough," says Art. "Why go down the drain if you don't have to? It's getting easier. Life goes on. We're doing the things we always did. You have to move on."

They also see signs of hope in the environment.

"In some spots, the jack pines are coming in thick," says Art. "In other spots, the fire must have been so hot that the seeds died in their cones. I like seeing the jack pines. They're trees. They hold water and muffle and create sound."

Also coming back are two perennials that Helen had been growing before the fire.

"I had pink yarrow in my garden," says Helen. "After the bulldozer scraped, yarrow came up all over. Artemisia is also coming up all over."

The Kerles stay focused on the positive.

"We were luckier than some," says Art. "As far as we know, there were five families without insurance. We weren't able to cover everything, but who does?"

RON AND DORRI LEWIS

"Overall, the fire was very disruptive," says Ron Lewis. "Losing all our material possessions took a large emotional toll on all of us."

Although Ron and Dorri Lewis and their three children, Tracey, Alyssa and Ethan, appear settled in their new home on the Manistee River, the couple had to overcome some major hurdles after losing their home near Pine Road.

Ron, who worked for the State of Michigan, applied for a leave of absence after being diagnosed with a situational depressive disorder due to the trauma of the fire.

After being denied a leave for two years, he was fired from his job while he concurrently fought a personal battle with alcoholism.

"Dorri pretty much held things together," says Ron. "Being therapeutically medicated with Prozac for two years and self-medicated with alcohol, I was not very functional."

"I've learned that I really buried my feelings because of Ron's alcoholism," says Dorri, an occupational therapist. "I went right back to work after the fire. I didn't have many feelings about anything. Now that I'm getting back in touch with my feelings, I think it's good I wasn't in touch with them then. I may have become non-functional for a period of time."

"For a time, I was really angry about the fire and the circumstances," says Ron, who — with Dorri and Tracey, not quite three — was out of town on a business trip when the fire struck. "I don't know if we could have saved anything. I did a lot of 'what ifs.' As time goes on, you have to realize you can't turn back the clock and say, 'I

would have done this,' because you don't really know."

The Lewises, who had heard the news that their house — with two pet cats inside — had burned on Tuesday night, and had returned to Crawford County on Wednesday morning, were not allowed back on their property until late Thursday afternoon.

"It turned into one horrendously long

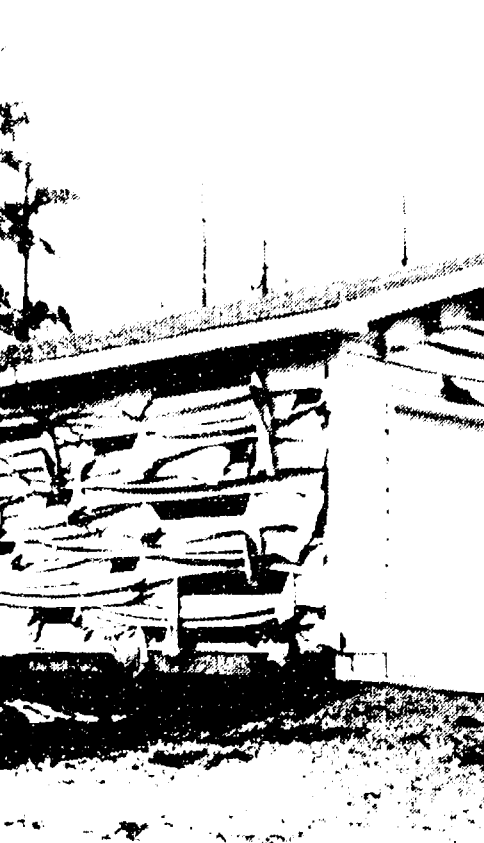


Photo by Jon Thompson

day," says Dorri. "From the first call letting us know, it got really crazy."

From May to October, they "bounced around," says Dorri.

First, they stayed with friends on Lake Margrethe. Then they were loaned a cabin on the lake. They rented a house in Frederic, then one in town on the AuSable.

"By then, I had had it with moving," says Dorri. "I had to get something of my own."

"The first six months were chaos," agrees Ron.

As they searched for a permanent place to live, they fought battle after battle with bureaucracies.

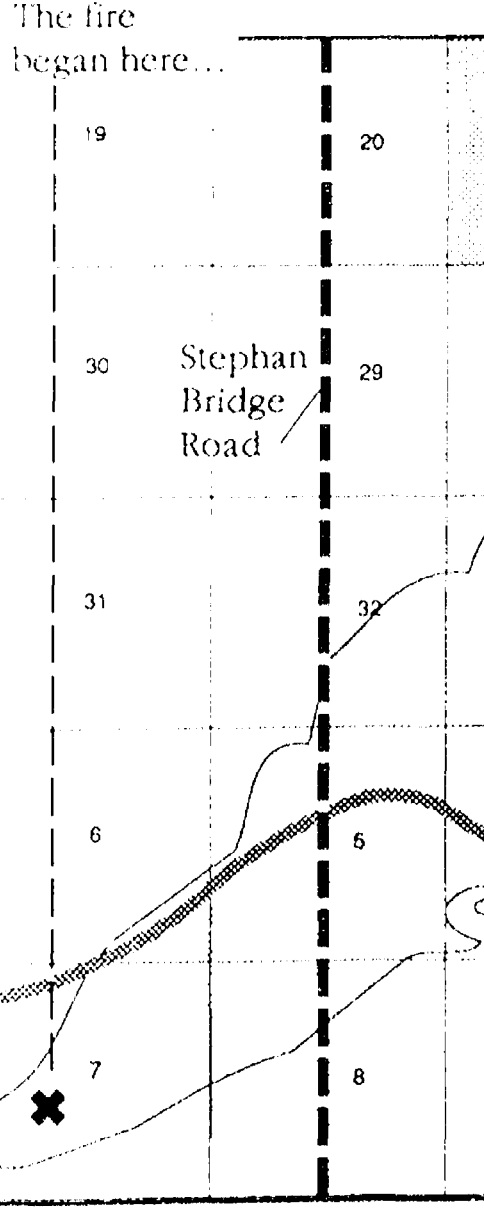
"The grass roots support was great," says Ron. "But when you're going through all this personal grief and you're going through all this bureaucracy, you feel like just another file number."

"We had a hassle with the motor home," says Dorri. "We purchased it the previous August. Although it was two years old, the plastic was still on it. The people had hardly used it. We insured it for what we paid for it. The company said sure. When we wanted to collect, they said they wouldn't pay us the full amount because of its age. And we had been paying our premiums faithfully."

"We learned the hard way that we were grossly underinsured," she continues. "We went through some hard times with the insurance company since we put an addition on our house. When we asked to have a building inspection, they wouldn't do it. They said, 'We'll just insure you for the additional you owe the bank.' After the fire, the adjuster said we were very underinsured."

In order to collect the homeowners' insurance they did have, the Lewises were told to make a list of their contents, even though they had suffered a total loss.

"We had to itemize things like 13



pairs of underpants," says Dorri. "I had to get an appraisal from a furrier in Detroit on a Russian fur jacket from my mother and see a dealer to set a value on my doll collection."

"It took all of four months to get documentation before we ended up with a settlement," says Ron.

They also had to fight with the



Photo by Jon Thompson

her family used to live in.

"I miss my old house," she says. "I've forgotten what color it is. I think it was blue. I know we had an upstairs."

"Any recollections she has are vague at best," says Ron. She remembers her kitty cats. She was really upset our motorhome burned. Basically, Tracey reacted to the way we reacted to the fire — bury it, as Dorri did; medicate it away, as I did."

"We've learned, as the five years have gone by, to look at the positive and not dwell on the negative — and be thankful for the positive that did come out of it," says Ron. "Our relationship is probably better than it ever was. We like our new house and location. I always thought we'd own waterfront property, but I wouldn't recommend the way we went about it."

The new house provided Ron with opportunities to practice his building skills. He put in the walls, ceilings and one window, remodeled the dining room and fenced in the yard for the children.

One change, says Dorri, is that "I don't form attachments to material things at all. If something gets lost or broken — oh well."

Although they cleared their old property of the dead standing oak to use as firewood, they rarely visit the site and have not planted seedlings.

"I rarely go out there," says Dorri. "For a long time, until the fire smell was gone, I'd almost get physically sick driving through the (North Down

Small Business Administration to get a low-interest loan for disaster relief, which finally did come through in early 1991.

Six months after the fire, with the pressures taking their toll, Ron and Dorri separated for six months.

"I'd gotten totally intolerable," says Ron. "Dorri asked me to leave the house. She said, 'I've got my problems, you've got your problems. Let's solve those and then get back together and solve ours.' Lots of emotions came to the surface after the fire that we weren't dealing with collectively. We thought we were keeping things together, but we were pulling apart."

The day after they separated, Dorri found out she was pregnant with their second child, Alyssa, now three.

While the fire exacerbated Ron's drinking problem, it also served as a catalyst for change.

"The fire and the emotional overload it caused made us deal with a lot of other personal and emotional issues we weren't dealing with before," says Ron, who got his builder's license in January and has started a second career as owner of his own construction company.

"Before (the fire), I may not have come to grips with my alcoholism. The fire and the loss of my job put me back in the direction of work in a field I enjoy."

Nine months ago, he checked himself into a 28-day treatment program, and has not drunk alcohol since then.

"We're doing better than we were five years ago," says Dorri. "At first, I asked myself what I had done to deserve something so horrendous. That's still an unanswered question. But now, being involved in a recovery program, I don't need the answer. I may never know, but I don't need to."

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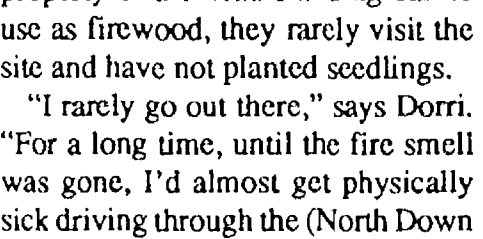


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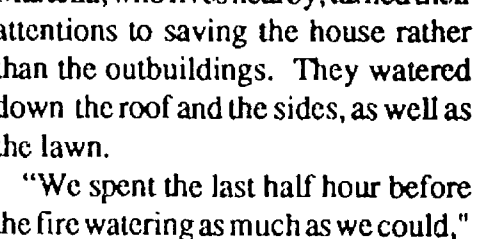


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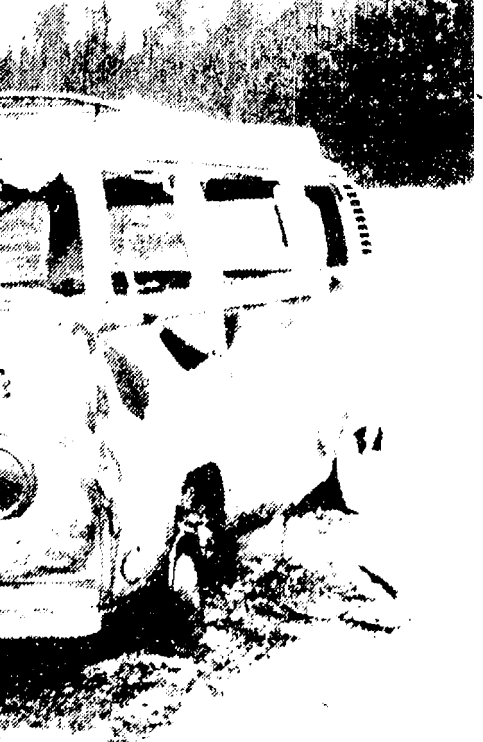


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TROUT, WALLEYE AND NORTHERN PIKE season opened this past weekend and the trout fishermen did quite well. We had one 27 1/2 inch, 6 1/2 pound brown trout in on Saturday. This fish came from the Manistee River. It seemed like the Manistee produced a little better than the other rivers this opener. Most of the trout were caught on bait, with minnows being the hot one.

There were some reports of small hendricksons on the Manistee and also some small dark hendricksons on the lower AuSable.

The black morel mushrooms are just beginning to show up here and there. You might try up around Frederic, mostly in the hills with maple trees. This will get better over the next three weeks.



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Viking varsity boys continue to roll

By Nick Stancil
Staff Writer

The Grayling Viking baseball team handily defeated the Houghton Lake Bobcats 10-2 and 15-4 on Tuesday, April 25.

"We are scoring so many runs right now that we lose sight of the fact that Chip Waite (senior) and Scott Longendyke (senior) are each doing a great job pitching," said Head Coach Fred Wolcott. "Hopefully this will continue."

In the first game of the double header, the Vikings were led in hitting by senior Chris Jones with one hit, senior Shane Hinkle with two hits, junior Jason Thompson had two hits including a homerun, Waite had two hits including two RBIs, junior Andy Perrin had one hit and Longendyke had two hits including two RBIs.

"Our team's experience from playing together for so many years is really starting to show in our recent success," said senior Randee Flowers.

In the second game, the Vikings again went on a tear at the plate getting seven hits and two homeruns.

Waite led the Vikings in hitting with three hits including two homeruns. Hinkle also had two hits followed by Jones and Longendyke with one hit each. Juniors Travis Weaver, Scott Hartman and Jason Hatfield all had one hit.

"I think that we are coming together as a team and that we play better against more challenging teams," said junior Justin Eddy reflecting on last week's success. "We all get along as a team and we know what to expect from each other."

The Vikings also defeated the Whittemore-PreScott Cardinals in conference action on Friday, April 28.

The Vikings began the first game with much enthusiasm and precision as great defensive plays were made with few errors. The Vikings again hit well with a balanced attack at the plate.

Leading hitters were Jones with three, Hinkle with two, Thompson with two, Waite with one homerun, Perrin with one, Longendyke with one, Hatfield had two and Hartman hit one.

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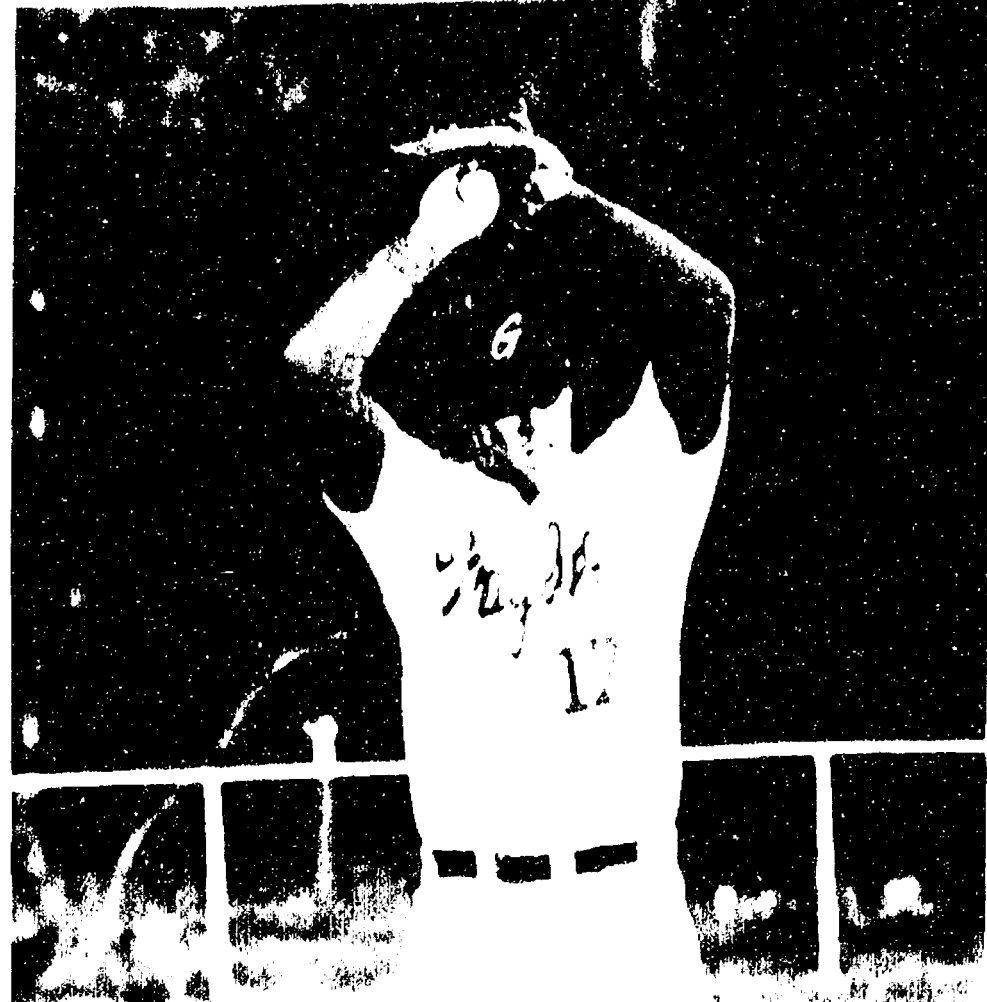
The batters in the second game who had a hit were Jones with three, Thompson had two, Hinkle hit two, Waite had one hit, Longendyke hit one and Weaver also had one hit.

"Hopefully we will continue to improve as a team and work together to keep up the good work," said Flowers.

Viking batting leaders so far this season are Hatfield who is batting .313, Weaver who is hitting .333, Jones with .370, Hinkle is batting .429 and Thompson and Waite each have a .444 batting average.

Other Vikings who are doing well in the defensive statistics are Hartman, who leads the team with 30 put-outs, followed by Jones and Perrin with 11 and ten put-outs respectively.

The Viking pitchers are having an



INTO HIS WINDUP--Senior Viking Scott Longendyke prepares to hurl the pitch in the Whittemore-PreScott game. The Vikings won the game by a large margin.

outstanding season led by Thompson, who has not allowed a run; Roscommon Bucks on Monday, May Longendyke, who has an ERA of 1.40, 1, and traveled to Charlevoix on Waite, who has an ERA of 1.47; and Tuesday, May 2. Perrin, who has an ERA of 2.94.

Vike golfers struggle

By Nick Stancil
Staff Writer

The Grayling Viking golf team traveled to the Elmbrook Country Club in Traverse City on Wednesday, April 26, and defeated Ludington's girls golf team.

The Vikings were defeated by Mt. Pleasant with a score of 228 and Traverse City scored 242; but the Vikings did beat Ludington's 279 by nine strokes for a 270.

"This was the nicest day in terms of weather that we have had all year," said Coach Laura Schans. "The weather was sunny and mild with some wind."

The low scorer for the Vikings was junior Shilee Reed. According to Schans, junior Jaime Evans, the team captain, also had a very respectable round.

The Vikings also came in third place in a tri-meet behind Mt. Pleasant and Alpena at the Grayling Country Club

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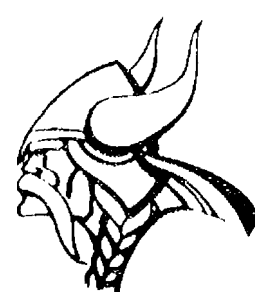
The weather again turned dreary as the girls had to play in rainy and windy 50-degree weather.

Reed was again the Viking leader and Evans also turned in a much improved and solid score.

Junior Rachel Harwood also was recognized by Schans as having had a very good round.

"The girls continue to improve and we are starting to have better weather to play golf in," said Schans.

The Vikings' next game will be at home on May 10 before they travel to Alpena on May 15 and Bay City on May 16.



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Boaters' safety classes offered

Old Point Comfort Marine, Ltd., will be sponsoring U.S. Coast Guard approved boaters' safety classes during the months of July and August.

The classes will be held on premise at Old Point Comfort Marine, Ltd., 4629 W. Higgins Lake Drive, Higgins Lake, (in the Higgins Lake Shopping Center) on July 15 and 16 and on Aug. 5 and 6 from 9 a.m. to 12 noon each day. The 2-day classes are required to obtain a Boater's Safety Certificate.

The classes will be taught at the marina by the Roscommon County Sheriff Department, along with the DNR. The classes are complimentary. Registration is limited so be sure to call the marina and place your reservation. Anyone interested in the classes may call Bonnie or Sue at (517) 821-5692. A discount coupon for marine accessories at Old Point Comfort Marine, Ltd., will be issued to each student completing the class.

Varisco Promoted



Chemical Bank North has announced the promotion of Sharon A. Varisco to Assistant Cashier. Along with this promotion she will retain her current responsibilities as Security Officer and Human Resource Officer.

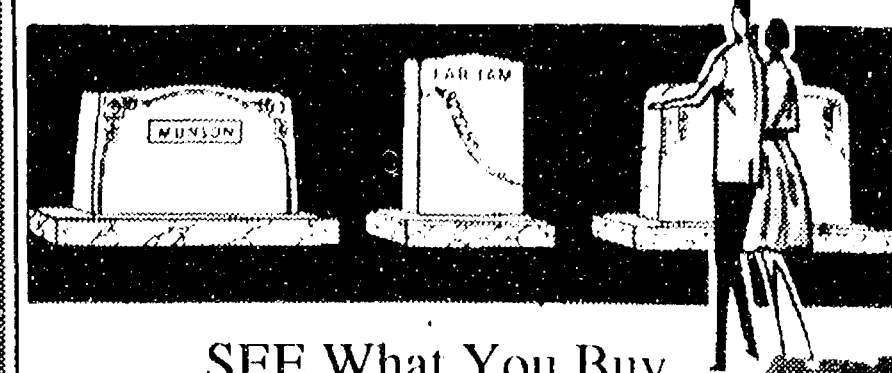
Varisco has worked for Chemical Bank North since 1985 and is currently at the Grayling office.

Sharon is also President of the Great Lakes Chapter of the American Institute of Banking.



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Young softball team loses two doubleheaders

By Nick Stancil
Staff Writer

The Grayling Viking softball team dropped close games to the Houghton Lake Bobcats 18-12 and 13-8 on Tuesday, April 25.

"We gave them too many opportunities with bases on balls and errors," said Coach Gerry St. Germain.

"We swung the bats aggressively — but not quite well enough to make up the difference."

The much improved Viking squad played with determination and spirit, but fell just short of a victory.

"We have a lot of heart on our team," said senior Samara Sabin. "We improve every time we touch a bat or

step on the field. We are very determined and we want to get things done right."

The Vikings were led defensively in the first game by junior Brooke Blaauw, senior Nicole Parker and Sabin.

The top hitters in the first game were juniors Mandy McEvers and Stacie Mead and sophomore Arica Burkett.

In the closing game against Houghton Lake, junior Jennifer Richardson and seniors Carol Lanczy and Trish Straw were noted for their defensive efforts, while Richardson, Blaauw and junior Alicia Holly led the team in hitting.

The Vikings also hosted a highly-respected Whittemore-Prescott team and they were defeated in both games on Friday, April 28.

Although the Vikings had excellent pitching and fielding in both contests, the Whittemore-Prescott Cardinals, regarded as one of the best softball teams in northern Michigan, were just too overpowering.

"The kids played hard and were mentally and physically in the games," said St. Germain. "Whittemore's coaches praised our team's overall improvement, singling out our pitcher, catcher and shortstop for their fine defensive games."

"These games were fun for everyone — players, coaches and fans," continued St. Germain. "They were very exciting. If we keep the correct attitude and work hard to improve then good things will come."

46 years ago in sports May 5, 1949

The Grayling High School Viking track team grabbed five first places and managed to break nine school records in losing a track meet at Petoskey last Wednesday. They return there this week to tangle in a quadrangle meet with Harbor Springs, Pellston and Petoskey.

The Grayling baseball field is taking on a decided new look as work on the new dugouts, backstop and other features begin to near completion. Work on the field is being done by the players of the Grayling Independent team and material for the revamping was either donated or sold at cost to the team.

Lanczy and sophomores Jessica St. Germain and Jessica Waite were recognized for outstanding defensive plays in the first game against the Cardinals.

Waite and Blaauw were also singled out as the top hitters in the first game of the double header.

In the second game, Lanczy and Sabin led the team in hitting, while Blaauw, St. Germain, Richardson and Waite led the team on defense.

The team leaders in batting so far this season are Richardson with a .323, St. Germain with a .304 and Blaauw with .261 average.

The highest on-base percentages this far in the season are held by St. Germain with .467, Lanczy with .455, Blaauw with .414 and Mead with .346.

The Vikings hosted the Roscommon Bucks on Monday, May 1, and traveled to Charlevoix to take on the Red Raiders on Tuesday, May 2.

BOWLING LEAGUE

Sunday Fun League	
Helsel's #2	38
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American Men's League	
Upper Lakes	40
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THE THROW IS ON THE WAY--Sophomore Viking Jessica St. Germain throws the ball to first base in the Whittemore-Prescott game. The Vikes dropped the game to the Whittemore Cardinals.

4-H T-ball registration

Don't forget to sign up for 4-H T-ball! This will be the 16th season for the area's five, six and seven year olds.

To play, the youth must be five before July 31, and may not turn eight before Aug. 1. Games will be on Wednesday nights at 6:30 p.m.

The players who played last year and have a shirt and cap will be able to use the same one this year. A copy of

the child's birth certificate (unless on file at 4-H) and health/registration form is needed to register. The fee is \$3 if you already have a shirt and cap and \$8 if they are needed.

To register, forms may be picked up at the MSU Extension/4-H Office in the basement of the courthouse. Registration must be in by May 10.

GRAYLING COUNTRY CLUB NEWS

The Wednesday morning ladies golf auxiliary had their organizational meeting, Monday, April 24. Approximately 30 ladies were present.

It was decided not to have guest day as we need the day for competition. Also, the fact was brought up we added \$5 to our dues for guest day and if we don't have guest day, do we go back to our regular dues. At the end of the season, we'll see how much money, if any, is left over.

The golf committee has asked me to say we need one more lady to make

it all even. So if you want a fun time, a little competition and a good lunch, call any of the golf committees. That would be Jeanette Kitchen, Jeannie Thompson or Joan Milles.

The board has Kathy Olson, president; Sherry Hanson, vice president; Evie Kent, secretary; Fran Shires, treasurer; and Donna Thomson and Pat Jackman.

Good luck to all and hope the new members enjoy the season. We certainly hope the weather gets better too.

Monday morning women golfers

The Monday morning women's golfers' tee times start at 9:30 a.m. on Monday, May 15. Come and join them. Call Sherry Hanson at 348-9564.

Lady bowlers to hold meeting

The Grayling Women's Bowling Association will hold a Wednesday, May 17 meeting at 7 p.m. at the American Legion Lanes.

All women bowlers are urged to attend as there will be an election of officers.

GRA taking registrations

The Grayling Recreation Authority (GRA) is still accepting late registrations for youth T-ball and youth softball. Registration forms are available at the Crawford AuSable School District main office, Sylvesters and the Hanson Hills Recreation Area.

Completed registration forms and payment will be accepted at the GRA offices located at the Hanson Hills Recreation Area from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Anyone having any questions, call 348-9266.

Grayling Country Club Monday Night Ladies League to meet

The Monday Night Ladies Golf League organizational meeting will be held on Monday, May 15, at the Grayling Country Club at 7:30 p.m.

All players wishing to participate in this fun league should attend this sign-up meeting. You need not be a club member to play in this league.

For further information, contact Denise Parkinson at 348-2993.

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May Meeting Calendar

5th	8 am	Crawford County Industrial Development Fund, City Hall
8th	4 pm	Executive Committee, Old Kent Bank
9th	8 am	Grayling Uptown District Association, Stevens Family Circle
	10 am	Grayling Area Visitors Council Promotion Committee, Iron Gate
10th	8:15 am	Grayling Area Visitors Council, Holiday Inn
17th	7:30 am	Chamber Board Meeting, City Hall
19th	8:30 am	Chamber-Michigan Department of Public Health co-sponsored Occupational Health Seminar, Holiday Inn
	10 am	M-72 Lake to Lake Association, Grayling State Bank
23rd	8 am	Grayling Uptown District Association, Stevens Family Circle
	5 pm	Business After Hours, VIP Reception, Camp Grayling Officers' Club
24th	8 am	Festival Committee Meeting, Iron Gate
30th	Noon	Military Affairs Committee

Community Foundation idea explored

Working with the Higgins Lake-Roscommon Chamber of Commerce and Kirtland Community College, the chamber has been facilitating meetings on whether there is need and use for a Community Foundation, and what geographic area is most practical.

A Community Foundation is a tool for philanthropic purposes, functioning somewhat in the nature of a co-op. Separate existing foundations, as well as private donors, may be able to use a Community Foundation to their benefit to accomplish designated giving, as well as take advantage of tax benefits.

To date, exploratory meetings have been held with a representative of the Michigan Council of Foundations to learn more about Community Foundations and their application. The next step is to pull together a larger group to further assess interest.

Persons interested should contact Executive Director Jerry Meyer at the Grayling Regional Chamber of Commerce if they would like to be included in future meetings.

Trout Unlimited joins chamber

The check presentation ceremony was brief, but filled with symbolism for Crawford County and the entire 1,200 square miles of the AuSable River watershed. The addition of the local Trout Unlimited (T.U.) chapter to chamber membership signals the importance of cooperation in protecting the area's unique recreational asset.

"This points out," said Bill Halliday, George Mason Chapter president of Trout Unlimited, "that T.U. believes business and conservation don't have to be at odds, and that we all have strong incentives to support and guard this natural resource."

"The AuSable River is also a valuable financial resource," said Halliday, "and as a member of the chamber, Trout Unlimited is adding our expertise to preserving and protecting this unique river."

Chamber President Don Schanz welcomed T.U. to membership, and said he is looking forward to the opportunities presented by adding one of the nation's premier conservation organizations as a working member of the Grayling Regional Chamber of Commerce.

Born on the banks of the AuSable River in 1959, Trout Unlimited now has over 70,000 members nationwide.



CHAMBER WELCOMES TROUT UNLIMITED— With members Ron Joyce (left), and Vic Edwards (right), George Mason Chapter President of Trout Unlimited Bill Halliday (center, left) presents Chamber President Don Schanz (center, right) with the membership dues check for Trout Unlimited.

Focus on tourism

To attract and hold vacationers for one or two week periods, some northern Michigan counties should form alliances and associations. Individually, many counties don't have enough activities for full vacations, said Daniel Spotts of MSU's Travel, Tourism and Recreation Resource Center.

Spotts was a speaker at State Representative Allen Lowe's Rural Tourism Seminar at Treetops, April 24.

An eye-opening speaker was Sir Brooke Boothby, whose Tourism Quality Services Ltd. operates a unique tourism grading system in Wales, U.K.

Started by the government, it is now funded by the trade, whose members find that striving to be on the top rung of the "quality" ladder pays off. In addition to a grading system which tells tourists just what they can expect in hotels, restaurants and even gas station rest rooms, the entire

community takes a basic training course on tourism.

Per capita income in Wales has quadrupled in the last 25 years, and they claim a current tourism record twice that of the general market.

Tourism Appreciation Day National Tourism Appreciation Day is Wednesday, May 10. Worldwide tourism employs one in every nine workers, produces 10.2 percent of the world gross national product and is the leading producer of tax revenues.

If a community can attract an additional 100 tourists a day, 11 new jobs will be created, seven more retail outlets will be built generating over a million dollars in retail sales, adding \$144,000 in bank deposits and \$777,000 in personal income.

Tourists are important to the economy of Crawford County. On May 10, and every other day of the year, take the opportunity to welcome tourists to the community.

Membership benefits

With the Blue Cross/Blue Shield and AT&T "Profit by Association" Program, chamber membership may actually save your business money.

As a chamber member you are part of a group which may give you a health insurance program otherwise unavailable to small business. Even sole proprietors are eligible.

If you are interested, or have acquaintances in business who

could benefit, call the chamber office at 348-2921, for a list of participating agencies.

Our new AT&T "Profit by Association" program is another exclusive chamber benefit. Even if you already use AT&T as your long-distance carrier, additional savings may be available. The details are in the advertisement you will find at the bottom of this page.

\$10,000 raffle

The tentative date is Jan. 20, 1996. Building on the success of the last raffle, the executive board is already hard at work to make the next one even better.

The goals include an improved seating arrangement, and guaranteed table assignments when tickets are bought in blocks. Flow patterns are also being redesigned to avoid delays for food and beverages. The ticket sales campaign is being reorganized to avoid duplicate sales calls.

The raffle is a major chamber fundraiser, generating over \$6,300. The board has made a commitment to maintaining this as a special social event for those attending, as well as a continuing source of revenue to keep chamber memberships an outstanding value.

Managing the mail

Making your mailpieces more compatible with the post office's automated system may save you money.

Take samples of your invoices, brochures, etc. to a Business Customer Conference in Mackinaw City May 18, to find out how the postal service can help you increase your profitability. The conference starts at 9 a.m. at the Ramada Inn, and ends at 3 p.m. For information call Mary Lipinski at 1-800-968-2511, or check with the local post office for registration forms, which are due by May 5.

The sessions will include information on potential savings on parcel shipments and how to reduce the hassle of preparing your bulk business mailings.

Business After Hours shifts Next up are two important to a summer schedule this Military Receptions. The Ohio month, with the next one on the reception from 5 to 7:30 p.m. calendar, May 23. Presented on July 12, and the Indiana reception from 5 to 7:30 p.m. by the Michigan Army National Guard and Camp Grayling on July 31.

Officers' Club, it will take place at the Officers' Club between 5 and 7:30 p.m.

This is an opportunity to meet with the adjutant general and members of his staff as well as the directors of Camp Grayling.

Admission is the usual \$3.50 per person, or two for \$5.

Chamber President Don Schanz is stressing the importance of showing our hospitality at these receptions, and would like to see a solid chamber turnout. Mark your calendar now, and be part of an enjoyable event of a Grayling summer.

Employers' group wins award

The Michigan Job Service awards in Washington D.C. Employers' Council (MJSEC) Job Service Employer which advises the MESC's Job Service program, has been selected as one of the best in the nation. MJSEC picked up one of two 1994 Runner-Up

Councils (JESCs) are employer groups that volunteer time to work with state employment service programs, serving as liaisons between the programs and business communities. That cooperation led to the MESC filling 108,558 jobs last year at a cost of only \$266 per placement.

Caring and sharing

Cellular One collected \$2,100 for Mercy Hospital during a fundraising drive, which also benefitted Otsego Memorial in Gaylord and Alpena General in Alpena.

The drive netted \$9,100 and customers donating \$50 or more to any of the hospitals received a free Motorola Attache Phone from Cellular One. Contributions to Mercy Hospital were directed to the local development fund. Pat Duffy, Cellular One sales and marketing manager, recently presented the funds to Stephanie Riemer-Matuzak, chief operating officer of Mercy Hospital.

Help the Red Cross

The tragedy in Oklahoma has again pointed out the need to be ready for emergencies and to support organizations such as the American Red Cross.

Currently you can help out the Crawford County chapter by purchasing a handy first-aid kit they offer for \$7.50. We have one on display at the chamber office. It is a good item to have on hand at work or carry in the car. Contact Executive Director Annette R. Riggs at 102 Michigan Ave. or call either 348-9745 or 348-3645.

Going to the fair

If going to the fair is a good contact point for your business, the Crawford County Fair is scheduled for July 26 through the 30. The contact is Dave Lovely at 517-348-4285.

The Roscommon County Fair is Aug. 25 and 26. Darcia Little is handling booth space and can be reached during the day at 517-275-8961, or evenings at 517-275-4422.

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March 21-April 19
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- TAURUS**
April 20-May 20
Before making any commitment, investigate all other possibilities. You never know what may turn up.
- GEMINI**
May 21-June 20
Discretion is advised during closed door negotiations. Release no information unless asked.
- CANCER**
June 21-July 22
Use your intuition to guide you in the right direction. It will not fail you. Bond with one you care about.
- LEO**
July 23-Aug 22
Your winning personality will be called upon to provide entertainment. Play the audience for all it's worth.
- VIRGO**
Aug 23-Sept 22
A negative attitude will stop you in your tracks. Don't risk failure by being afraid of it.
- LIBRA**
Sept 23-Oct 22
Someone has to take charge, so it might as well be you. Your ideas are worth more than you think. Voice them.
- SCORPIO**
Oct 23-Nov 21
Don't be afraid of constructive criticism. Take it with a grain of salt and use it wisely. You may be surprised at the results.
- SAGITTARIUS**
Nov 22-Dec 21
Giving in to social pressures is unwise. Stay away from those whose influence is unhealthy. Keep to yourself.
- CAPRICORN**
Dec 22-Jan 19
A young person needs your undivided attention. Give more time to those you really care about.
- AQUARIUS**
Jan 20-Feb 18
Do not be in such a big hurry to change the status quo. Make sure all resources have been exhausted before diving in.
- PISCES**
Feb 19-March 20
The best things in life are free. don't fret about what you don't have. enjoy what you do.



MISTY NEEDS A HOME--Misty is a 1-year-old shepherd mix female. She is housebroken and good with children. If you would like to give her a good home, or any of the other animals at the shelter, stop by the Animal Shelter of Crawford County, or give them a call at 348-4117.

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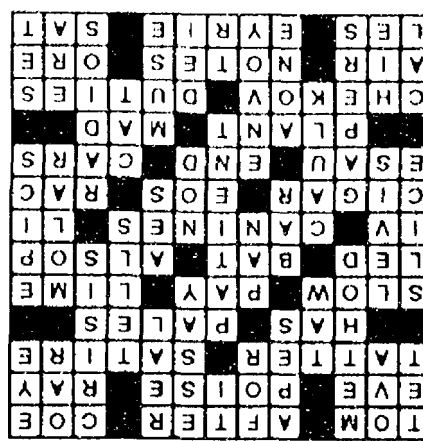
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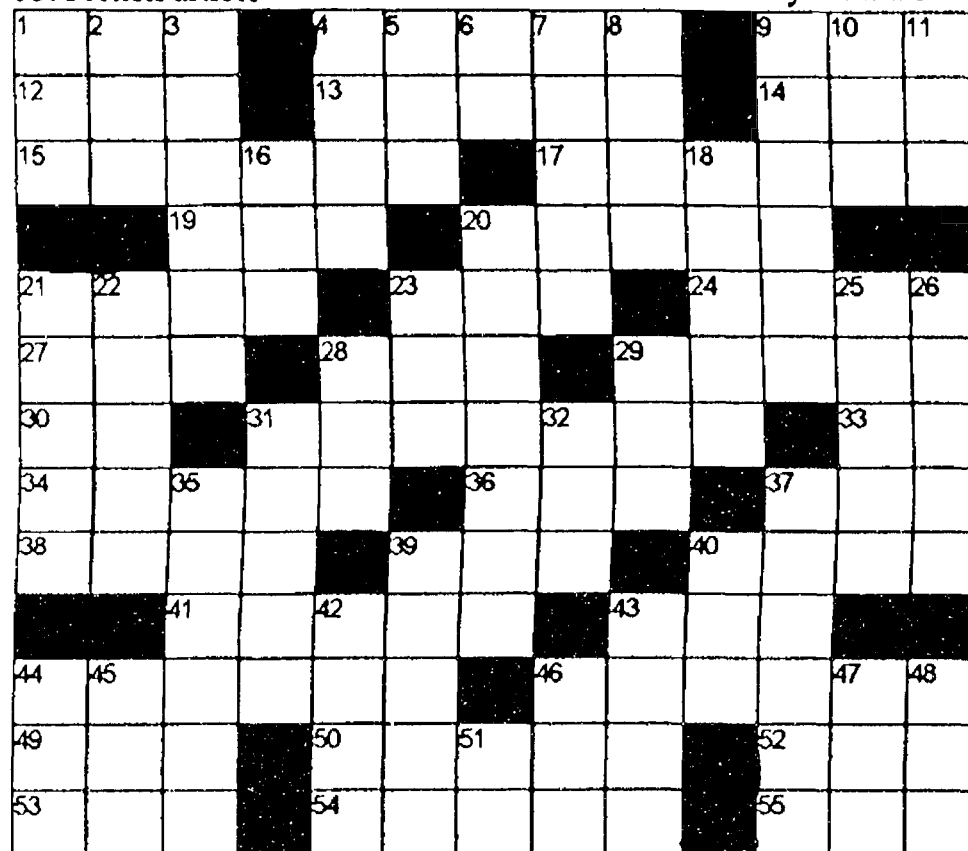
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38. Jacob's brother
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43. Angry
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53. French article

THIS WEEK'S PUZZLE ANSWERS



54. Highly placed nest
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6. Symbol for titanium
7. Try
8. Actual
9. Climax
10. Paddle
11. Look at
16. Game at marbles
18. Relates
20. Forbearing
21. Carve
22. Jeans
23. Cooking utensil
25. Grinding tooth
26. Long poems
28. Bistro
29. Roman coin
31. Make seams watertight
32. Doze
35. Rubbernecks
37. Type of wireless, pl.
39. Emissary
40. Whip
42. Prime, hyph.
43. Ponder
44. Coolidge
45. Hurry
46. The gods
47. Epoch
48. Harden, as concrete
51. Teddy's initials



A LOOK AT OUR PAST FROM THE PAGES OF THE AVALANCHE

23 years ago May 4, 1972

Randy Holcomb, son of Mr. and Mrs. Sheldon Holcomb 1650 Cedar St., Grayling, has been named Valedictorian of the Class of 1972. Randy is active in the Grayling Calvary Baptist Church, having been president of the young people's group there. He sings in the choir and teaches Sunday School.

Ruth Ely has been named Salutatorian. She is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Ely of McIntyres Landing, Grayling. Ruth has been active in the National Honor Society during her junior and senior years. She has participated in the powder puff football games and has been a member of the ski team.

Mrs. Phyllis Sauter of Marshall Motel has been appointed by the board of directors of the Grayling Regional Chamber of Commerce to serve out the unexpired term of Joe Molnar.

Dr. G. Robert Schwartz has resigned as president and general manager of Bear Mountain and has returned to a limited Chiropractic practice here in Grayling.

Mr. and Mrs. H. A. Blakeslee of Eagle Point, have recently returned home from an American Express Caribbean Holiday. They won the trip from "Places in the Sun Sweepstakes," and enjoyed five days and four nights in the U. S. Vivian Islands.

Mr. and Mrs. Bud Halstead and Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Millikin of Grayling, and Emil Tahvonen of Lansing and Grayling, attended the funeral of Verner Rasmussen in Lansing recently.

Mr. and Mrs. Lewis Stillwagon, Mr. and Mrs. Jim Madill and Mrs. Ruth Caid attended a retirement party Saturday evening honoring the retirement of Jake Stillwagon from A C Spark Plug in Flint.

Lora Gould attended the Michigan State Chapter of Nastro Members (Housing and Urban Renewal Directors) on April 27 and 28, at St. Regis Hotel in Detroit, where she was again elected vice-president of the upper half of the Lower Peninsula.

Mr. and Mrs. Harvey Rowland attended the Wolverine Chapter of Pearl Harbor survivors at Clare Saturday and Sunday.

The Grayling Area Centennial Headquarters Store will open Friday, May 5, in the Woman's Club building on Ingham Street across from Ray's Canoe Livery. Offered for sale now will be ladies dresses, bonnets, petticoats and Roaring 20s garters in the

ladies department. For the men there will be blazers, vests, ties and hats of all kinds--derbies, top hats and straw skimmers. There will be something for the children in both departments.

Earl and Vi Burns are proud to announce the sale of Burns Hardware and Furniture to William Denton and Donus Williams.

46 years ago May 5, 1949

Rolla Failing, owner of the Failing Wholesale Distributors announced this week that the Liquor Control Commission had approved the sale of his beer distributing business to Harry Krumrei of Whittemore and that the new owner received a transfer license for operation beginning May 1.

Saturday, April 30, D-Day for the trout fishermen, who has been marking time since last September, was a perfect opening day. It was estimated that 150,000 anglers were in the streams for opening day. Men who have fished Grayling waters for up to 25 to 30 years said they had never remembered such a wonderful opening day for the angling for the stream beauties.

Michigan National Guard will today open bids in Lansing on 11 projects at Camp Grayling, which it was said would run approximately \$635,000. This will be the starter in the renovation of the summer home and camp and training site of Michigan's 46th Division.

Miss Barbara Borchers was home from college at Mt. Pleasant to spend the weekend with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Borchers, and brother, Don.

Bill Koernke opened for the remainder of the year, his restaurant on Friday. His mother, Mrs. Koernke of Ann Arbor, is here helping out with the cooking.

Nick Loeffler has installed a new gasoline station in connection with his hotel work. He is handling Shell gasoline.

James Baker is the new temporary clerk at the Grayling Post Office.

Mrs. Wm. LaRush returned home Friday after spending most of the week in Detroit. Her brother, Edward Fennell, passed away on Monday and funeral rites were read on Thursday.

Mr. and Mrs. Waldemar Hanson and children spent Sunday with the former's mother, Mrs. Marie Hanson.

Mr. and Mrs. Alfred D. Hanson of U. of M. and M.S.C., visited the former's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Carl Hanson, at their cabin on the East

Branch over the weekend.

Floyd Davis is back on the job at the Davis Jewelry Store after being confined to his home with the measles.

The Lone Pine Inn is again open for business after being closed for remodeling.

The Grayling Fire Department was called out on Thursday to extinguish a grass fire near Grayling Mercy Hospital and again on Friday evening when the car of Oscar Horning caught fire.

Our local postmaster, also game warden, were caught last Tuesday afternoon somewhere between May Lake and the AuSable River picking the first mushrooms of the season.

Our town hall looks better each day, new siding, doors and they are now remodeling the inside with new walls and a partition. The porch is also being repaired.

69 years ago May 6, 1926

George Olson, manager of the Opera House, and R. J. Peterson, manager of the Greenhouse, are each driving new Buick coaches.

Announcements have been received by friends of the birth of a son, John Richard, Friday, April 30, to Mr. and Mrs. Robert Churchill of Pontiac. Mrs. Churchill will be remembered as Miss Dora Morency.

Mr. and Mrs. James Tobin of Frederic, were agreeably surprised Friday noon when their son, Max, stepped in and asked, "How's chances for dinner?" He attends school in Mt. Pleasant.

The Model Bakery changed hands Monday, Thomas Trudo selling out to the former proprietor, Thomas Cassidy, the latter purchasing it for his son, Joseph, who took hold of the reins the same day.

The annual Junior Prom is to be given Friday night, May 7, and promises in every way to equal those given in past years. Following is the class roll: Class advisor, Miss Flanigan; president, Helen Schumann; vice president, George Schroeder; secretary-treasurer, Emma Hanson; Shirley McNeven, Gertrude Loskos, Earl Gierke, Adelia Johnson, Evelyn Heidemann, Carrie Feldhauser, Azilda LaGrow, Violet Williams, Ethel Taylor, Sara Vance, Myrtle Vance, Carl Lindrose, Ina Hierdelone, Norval Stephan, Lacey Stephan and Luella Tiffin.

Three young ladies have completed the three years training and compose

the class of 1926, at Mercy Hospital. They are Misses Anne Elizabeth Fisher, Beatrice Rose Cassidy, and Michelyn Rae Ambroski. Dr. C. R. Keyport will present them with their diplomas at the program, which will be held in the school auditorium on May 12.

A daughter, Lois Ann, arrived at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Leo Payne of Saginaw last week. The mother was formerly Miss Avis Holbrook of Grayling.

Albert Charron is driving a new Flint sedan and Miss Maxine Collins is enjoying a new Ford roadster.

The R. D. Connine Grocery is displaying a brand new awning which was put up Wednesday.

Weather picture



Courtesy of the City of Grayling and the Crawford AuSable 2nd Graders

Date	High	Low	Rain or snow	Extended forecast courtesy of the U.S. Weather Service in Houghton Lake: Wednesday calls for increasing clouds, with the highs in the low 60s. Thursday calls for scattered showers with possibly a few thunderstorms. The highs will be around 65, with the lows in the 40s. There is also a chance of showers on Friday. The highs will be near 60, with the lows in the 30s, and Saturday will be dry, with the highs in the 60s, and the lows in the 40s.
4/26	45	31	0.07	
4/27	52	27	0.56	
4/28	44	33	0.96	
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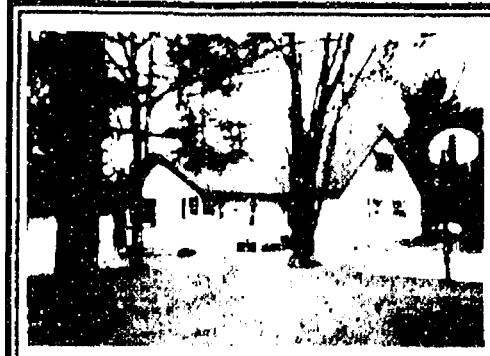
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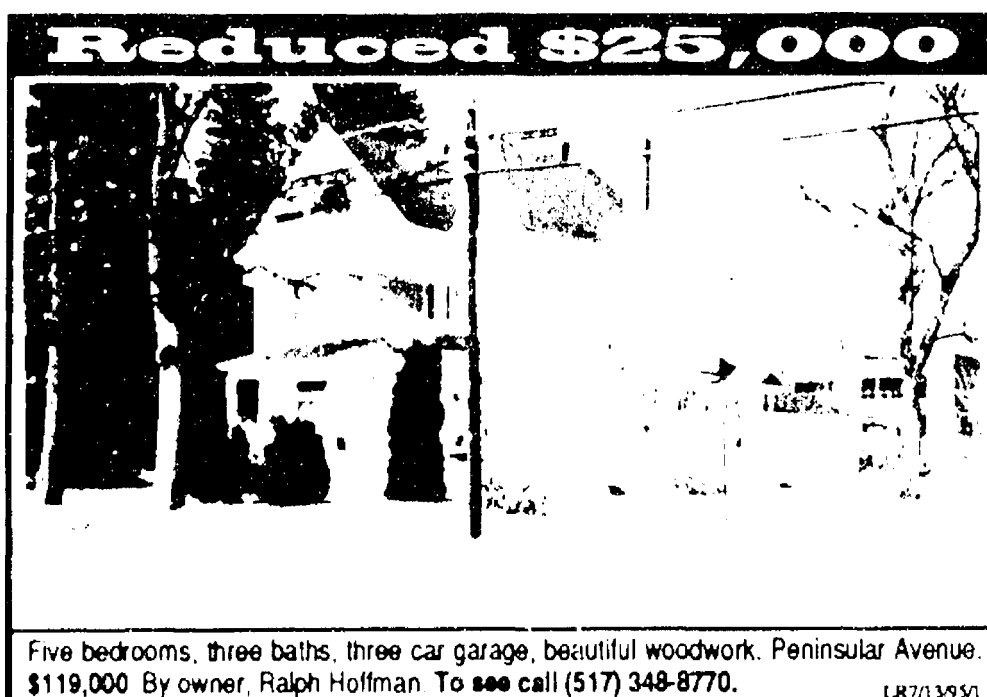
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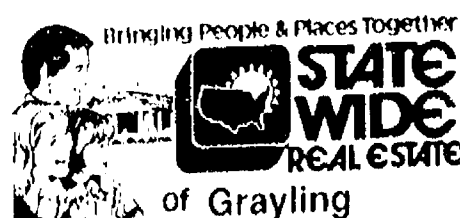
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7. Miscellaneous

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7. Miscellaneous

MICHIGAN DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION PUBLIC NOTICE OF HERBICIDE PROGRAM

The Michigan Department of Transportation hereby provides public notice of the 1995 Herbicide Application Program on the roadside rights-of-way within Crawford County.

Applications will be made for control of (1) vegetation in front of guardrails, (2) noxious and broadleaf weeds in turf areas, and (3) woody vegetation (brush) within clear zones. All applications will be ground or foliar applied by vehicular mounted, fixed boom or hand gun, equipment. The following herbicides will be tank mixed for each application.

Guardrail: Arsenal (Imazapyr).
Weed: Banvel 720 (Dimethylamine Salt of Dicamba and 2,4-Dichlorophenoxyacetic Acid).
Brush: Garlon 4 (Triclopyr) and Weedar 64 (2,4-Dichlorophenoxyacetic Acid) and Tolar (Chlorosulfuron).

A surfactant, Citry-Plus or Cide-Kick, will be used with all applications. A drift control agent, 41-A or More, will also be used as needed in all spraying operations.

LOCATIONS: Spraying operations may take place anywhere along the state highways within the county.

DATES: Guardrail treatment may take place between May 1, 1995 and July 1, 1995.
Weed treatment may take place between May 1, 1995 and August 1, 1995.
Brush treatment may take place between Aug. 15, 1995 and Oct. 31, 1995.

All applications will be made by certified applicators, employed by the Michigan Department of Transportation. For further information contact:

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8. Announcements

ADVERTISEMENT FOR BIDS Tree planting project, Hartwick Pines State Park, Crawford County, Michigan. Sealed proposals endorsed "Hartwick Pines State Park—Tree Planting," will be received in the Department of Natural Resources, Region II Headquarters, P.O. Box 128, Roscommon, MI 48653, (517) 275-5151, until 2 p.m. local time, June 1, 1995, at which time the bids will be publicly opened and read loud. Bid documents are available from Hartwick Pines State Park, Rt 3 Box 3840, Grayling, MI 49738, (517) 348-7068. Bid security and bonds are not required for this project. Scope of project: Furnish all labor, materials and equipment to plant 60 trees. -4/8

WELCOME WAGON HOSTESS'S Call Betty Mansfield, 348-8562, or Shirley Carpenter, 348-5362, if you are a newcomer, engaged, or a new mother. 12/12tf/8

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9. Personals

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MAY 6 & 7, SATURDAY & SUNDAY 84 Isenhauer Road, 8-7. Blue-print and copy machines, household items, tools, dishes, microwave, clothing and many items. 1/2 mile east of Grayling, north of North Down River Road. -4/10

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ST. FRANCIS THRIFT SHOP (a church resale shop), M-72 West. Open Wednesday through Saturday, 10-4. 348-2572. Ask about our daily specials. This week's sale includes all men's suits and sports coats, \$5 each; men's shirts, \$2.50 ladies blouses, \$2; ladies dresses, \$3. Does not include jean wear. Please bring your recyclable clothing and household items to us. -4/10

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46TH CIRCUIT COURT

Appearing before the Honorable Alton T. Davis, April 17, 1995:

Anisaa Ann Young, age 27 of Frederic, was arraigned on Count I: Escaping From Jail Through Violence and a Habitual 2nd. Young pled guilty to Count I, in exchange for her plea the Habitual charge will be dismissed.

Jonathon Sleeper, age 36 of Grayling, pled guilty to Desertion/Abandonment/Non-Support.

Robert Press, age 28 of Grayling, was sentenced on the charge of Operating While Under The Influence

3rd. Press was placed on five years probation and sentenced to one year in the county jail with credit for two days served. He shall pay \$500 fines, \$600 court costs, \$40 to the Crime Victims' Fund and \$645 attorney fees.

Steven Paul Breitfeld, age 27 of Grayling, appeared on an Order to Show Cause. Breitfeld pled not guilty to two counts of Use of Marijuana.

Robert J. Ridley, III, age 21 of Grayling, appeared on an Order to Show Cause. Ridley pled guilty to two counts of use of Marijuana.

Consumers Powers offers basic outdoor activity safety tips

As spring temperatures warm our enthusiasm for outdoor activities, Consumers Power Company encourages parents and youngsters to be aware of overhead and underground facilities.

The utility offers four basic tips for safe outdoor activity:
• Make sure children do not climb

trees that are anywhere near overhead power lines.

• Don't attempt to trim branches away from our power lines yourself.

• Use caution when moving metal ladders, antennas or sailboat masts near overhead power lines.

• Before you plant a tree or shrub, or do other digging around your property, call MISS DIG, Michigan utilities' computerized 1-call protection service at 1-800-482-7171.

If you are planning to plant a tree in your yard, consider the power lines that provide electricity to your home and carry it throughout your neighborhood. Avoid planting tall-growing trees such as silver maple, norway, oaks, Colorado blue spruce, white spruce, and most pine trees near or under power lines.

Additional details regarding planting and caring for trees and shrubs can be obtained by contacting local County Extension offices.

Jennifer Naour graduates from Alma College

Over 200 degree candidates, including Jennifer Naour, daughter of John and Norma Naour of Grayling, were eligible to participate in Alma College's 1995 commencement ceremony on Saturday, April 22. This included students who completed degree requirements in December, 1994.

Naour received a bachelor of arts degree in education.

Congressman Camp's representative to visit Grayling May 10

A representative for Congressman Dave Camp will be visiting the Crawford County Courthouse on May 10. Dave Brink will be meeting constituents between 4 to 5 p.m. to discuss any federal issue or matter. The courthouse is located at 200 West Michigan Avenue, Grayling. If you are unable to attend, but wish to discuss a federal matter, call 1-800-342-2455.

Amicare Hospice needs volunteers

Amicare Hospice is now providing services to patients who need volunteers immediately to provide respite and emotional support for themselves and their families. Immediate training is available for those interested in assisting these families.

Hospice strives to meet all of the families' needs—physical, emotional, financial and spiritual—through an interdisciplinary team consisting of physicians, nurses, social workers, home health aides, therapists, spiritual and bereavement counselors and very importantly, volunteers.

The volunteer program is one of the things for which hospices are well-known. Volunteers are usually the member of the team who spends the most time in the home and, as a result, become very close to the family.

The program is in great need of individuals who would like to assist families with respite care, errands, light housekeeping, companionship and emotional support.

Amicare Hospice volunteers complete a comprehensive training program which details the Amicare organization and its hospice services along with listening and communication skills, familiarization with family dynamics issues and hands-on skills needed when assisting patients and their family members.

The level of hands-on involvement

of volunteers is entirely the volunteer's decision. It is not a prerequisite that volunteers be willing to provide personal care for a patient. Volunteers duties can be as simple as just being in the home for companionship during a caregiver's absence, or being there for a calming chat.

Volunteers are also needed in other areas of service. Clerical volunteers are appreciated for their contribution toward processing the voluminous paperwork generated. Courier volunteers are extremely helpful by running errands for families, such as medication delivery and shopping.

Hospice bereavement volunteers follow the family for 13 months, following the loved one's death, helping the family members to adjust and continue by assisting in the planning and coordination of various fundraising activities.

Amicare Hospice's service area spans from the Grayling/Kalkaska area to Higgins and Houghton lakes and east to include the Mio/Fairview region. Volunteers are usually assigned to families who live in their communities.

Anyone interested in helping Amicare Hospice to meet families' needs by becoming a volunteer should contact Ellen Light, volunteer coordinator at 348-4383 or 800-424-1457.

NEMCSA sends delegate to White House Conference on Aging

Northeast Michigan Community Service Agency (NEMCSA) will have a representative as a delegate to the 1995 White House Conference on Aging (WHCoA).

Marlene Pear, director of the Volunteer Services Division of NEMCSA, has been designated as delegate by the National Corporation for Community Service.

The 1995 WHCoA, held May 2-5, in Washington, D.C., is the fourth such conference in history and the last of this century. More than 2,250 delegates from all 50 states and the U.S. Territories will gather at the Washington Hilton Hotel in May, to develop resolutions which will shape aging national policy over the next decade.

"I am excited to have an opportunity to represent the state, the northeast Michigan area and NEMCSA at the 1995 conference," Pear said. "This effort could help define a national aging policy for our country. Once a plan is in place, it's important that those of us at the grass-roots level

provide the follow-through and implementation necessary to turn policy into reality."

The theme of the conference is "America Now and Into the 21st Century: Generations Aging Together with Independence, Opportunity and Dignity." Principle agenda items will include: Assuring comprehensive health care including long-term care, promoting economic security, maximizing housing and support-service options and maximizing options for quality life.

The volunteer programs division of NEMCSA includes the foster grandparent program and the senior companion program. Each of these programs offers 60+ individuals the opportunity to earn a stipend, while providing meaningful assistance and companionship to special needs children and the frail, homebound elderly. Pear, who directs these programs, is also involved with the Northeastern Michigan Alzheimer's Chapter.

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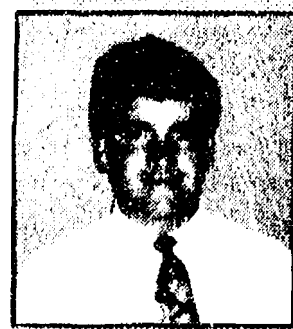
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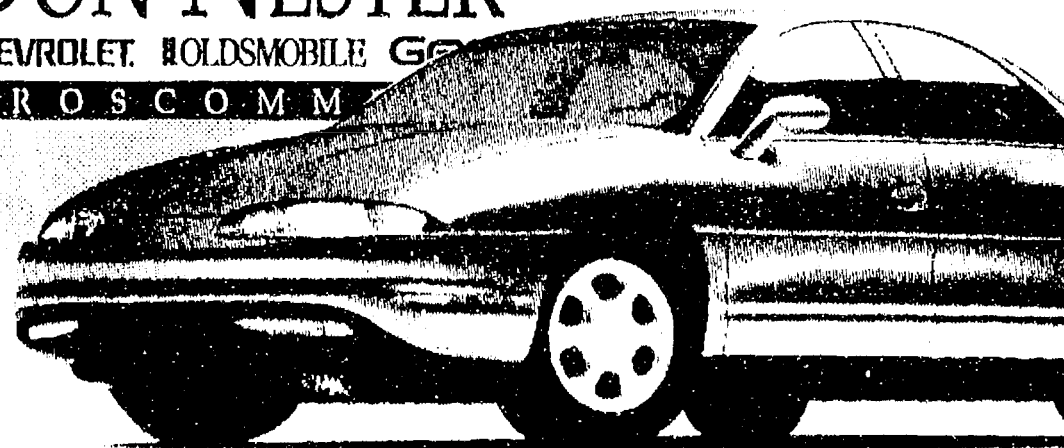
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Railgrounds are not playgrounds

As the school year draws to a close, most children are thinking of summer fun and family vacations. For some children, summer fun includes playing on railroad tracks or swimming or fishing from railroad bridge trestles. This activity can quickly turn summer fun into summer tragedy. In 1993, eight people were killed and 10 were injured while trespassing on or near Michigan railroad tracks. Preliminary statistics for 1994 indicate no decline.

During the month of May, the Michigan Railroads Association is undertaking a public education campaign to inform the public of the dangers and our message: "Railgrounds Are Not Playgrounds."

Walking along railroad tracks is dangerous and illegal, as railroad tracks and trestles are private property. Many individuals, particularly youngsters,

do not understand the danger associated with activity on the tracks. Trains cannot stop quickly. Sometimes individuals do not hear the train or cannot get off the tracks. And when a train is traveling fast enough, an individual can literally be sucked under the train if they are too close to the tracks. In addition, trespassers can face jail for up to 30 days and/or fines up to \$100.

As the school year draws to a close, the Michigan Railroads Association, in cooperation with the Michigan Department of Transportation and Michigan Operation Lifesaver, encourage parents and educators to take a moment this month to remind children of the dangers of playing on or near tracks and train yards. Safety brochures are available by contacting William Shreck, Michigan Operation Lifesaver, at (517) 373-2160.

LEGAL ACTION

RECORD OF CITY COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS

Meeting held on the 10th day of April 1995
Grayling, Michigan

Meeting called to order by Mayor Pro-Tem Stevens at 7:30 p.m.

Members present: Stevens, Akers, Moshier, Ruddy. Members Absent: Golinick. Also in attendance: Jerry W. Morford, City Manager, Kay Ellen King, Judy Morford, Doug Duby.

Moved by Akers, supported by Ruddy that the minutes of the meeting of March 27, 1995, be approved as presented. Ayes, 4; nays, 0; absent, 1; motion carried.

Citizens who wish to speak: None.

Communications were received and noted.

Letter from MDNR re: Approval of Remedial Action Plan.

Grayling Housing Commission Minutes of 3-9-95.

Old Business: None.

New Business:

Resolution honoring Rande Flowers for 10 years of service on the Fire Department.

Moved by Akers, supported by Ruddy that:

WHEREAS, RANDEE FLOWERS became a member of the Grayling City and Township Fire Department on April 14, 1985, and

WHEREAS, he has served with distinction for ten (10) years as a Volunteer Fireman, and

WHEREAS, he has regularly attended weekly department meetings, training sessions and work details, and

WHEREAS, he has given of himself and his time in unselfish service to his community.

NOW THEREFORE, be it resolved by the City Council of the City of Grayling that they hereby express their appreciation to Rande Flowers for his ten (10) years of dedicated service to the citizens of Grayling and Grayling Township.

Ayes, 4; nays, 0; absent, 1; motion carried.

Resolution re: ISTEA 1996 Funding for Bike Path.

Moved by Moshier, supported by Ruddy that

WHEREAS, the Intermodal Surface Transportation Efficiency Act of 1991 provides a statutory means for the Federal Transportation Administration and the Michigan Department of Transportation to work together with local units of government for the purpose of supporting certain categories of Transportation Enhancement Activities; and

WHEREAS, the development of an integrated system of bicycle and pedestrian paths is among the non-motorized projects specifically identified as a supportable Transportation Enhancement Activity under the

provisions of the above noted legislation; and

WHEREAS, the social and economic well-being of citizens of Crawford County, as well as visitors to the area, will be enhanced by the continued development of an integrated system of bicycle and pedestrian paths connecting schools, parks, libraries and other recreational facilities within the region; and

WHEREAS, the Crawford County Transportation Authority, with the explicit cooperation of the Crawford County Road Commission, has declared its intention to apply for an Intermodal Surface Transportation Efficiency Act Transportation Enhancement Activities Grant in conjunction with undertaking the third stage of a multi-phased project to develop the aforementioned integrated system of bicycle and pedestrian paths, and

WHEREAS, the stage three phase of the overall project will run approximately two and four tenths miles from a connecting point within the City of Grayling to the Crawford AuSable High School, a site within Frederic Township;

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Council of the City of Grayling supports the proposed project and concurs with the assessment that the completion of the project will serve to enhance the social, physical and economic well-being of residents and visitors to the region.

Ayes, 4; nays, 0; absent, 1; motion carried.

Reports of City Manager.

County Board Work Session on Solid Waste on April 10, 1995, and memo of proposed amendment.

Memorial Monument for Canoe Racers to be built by Hank Feldhauser Jr. in the City Park. Discussion was held by Council and questions asked. Morford will write to Mr. Feldhauser and get more information to Council prior to construction.

Riverview Senior Citizen Apartments now ready.

Police Ammo Revisited Article re: 9 MM Weapons.

M.M.L. Fax Alert re: April 25 meeting in Lansing regarding Revenue Sharing.

Transportation Committee Mtg. Minutes of 3-28-95.

Article re: Water Doctor and fact that city water is safe, does not contain chlorine and is very low in lead. Ad is misleading at best.

Article in Record Eagle re: Leaves. Mr. Stevens asked about leaves. Mr. Morford is meeting with CES people for a solution to the problem and will report back to council when he has facts and figures.

M.M.L. Regional Meeting May 10, 1995, in East Tawas. Mr. Golinick, Mr. Stevens, and Mr. Morford to attend.

Reports of Council Members: None.

Adjournment.

Moved by Stevens, supported by Moshier that the meeting be adjourned. Ayes, 4; nays, 0; absent, 1; motion carried. The meeting was adjourned at 8:06 p.m.

Jerry W. Morford

City Manager & City Clerk

New Business: Summer Tax Collection: Postpone until later.

Spring cleanup--no action taken.

Budget Amendment: Motion by Bindschattel, seconded by Sajdak to accept the following amendments: General Fund: Elections, \$2,000 increase of \$1,000, Town Hall, \$4,000 increase of \$1,000, Township Property \$12,000 increase of \$2,000, Fire Fund: Fire Division \$30,000 increase of \$5,000. These amount to be covered by unallocated portion of expenditures. Motion carried.

Sajdak made motion, seconded by Hammer to accept minutes as read, after correction, motion carried.

Hammer made motion, seconded by Sajdak to approve payment of vouchers #12471-12519 in the amount of \$11,785.55, motion carried.

No citizens wished to speak. No Fire Department report on runs.

Library report: Circulation 377--Statistics, 299.

Clerk report: Hammer made motion, seconded by Sajdak to allow clerk to purchase an Election "Vote Here" sign from GEO Signs in the amount of \$120, motion carried.

Correspondences:

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County RCD-Dry Hydrant Program--Bindschattel made motion, seconded by Sajdak to support after eliminating the word "entire," motion carried.

Mich Con--Notice of Hearing, no action taken.

No Unfinished Business.

MAPLE FOREST TOWNSHIP NOTICE

Maple Forest Township will be accepting bids for a Level I Assessor until Friday, June 2, 1995. Please send bids to Maple Forest Township Supervisor, Mark Kniss, at 7416 N. Sherman Road, Frederic, MI 49733. Interested persons must be familiar with Equalizer Tax/Assessing Software Package. Maple Forest Township reserves the right to reject any and all bids.

Susan Keene
Township Clerk

MAPLE FOREST TOWNSHIP NOTICE

Maple Forest Township will be accepting bids until Friday, May 5, 1995, from persons interested in mowing and trimming the township cemetery and hall grounds for the 1995 summer season. Please send your bids to Susan Keene, Township Clerk, at 8802 N. Petersen Rd., Frederic. Questions? Phone 348-9801 between 9 am and 6 pm. The township board reserves the right to reject any and all bids.

Susan Keene
Township Clerk

NOTICE

The following self storage units will be sold at public auction on June 1, 1995, at 12 noon. The sale will take place at Goodale's Mini Storage, 4602 Hanson Street (Industrial Park), Grayling, MI. The units will be sold one at a time, a whole unit at a time. If the Lessee satisfies the amount due in full by May 31, 1995, the unit will not be sold.

Unit #14 - Rented to Donald Holloway - Containing misc., motorcycle and auto parts, and a motorcycle.

Unit #53 - Rented to Michelle Smith - Containing a couch, chair, table, stereo stand and barbecue grill.

Unit #63 - Rented to Tom Maule - Containing a file cabinet, typewriter, games, kitchen utensils, dresser, sewing machine, and misc. personal items.

Unit #25 - Rented to Tom Gauthier - Containing a 19" TV, 6' ladder, chairs, bed, fan, and misc. personal items.

Unit #120 - Rented to Steve Mason - Containing furniture, lawn mower, exercise bike, golf clubs, kerosene heater, craft supplies, trunks, skis, stereo, washer, dryer, camping equipment, VCR, microwave and misc. personal items.

Unit #115 - Rented to David Lilly - Containing a wood table, dart board, tools, suitcase, kitchen appliances, vacuums, typewriter, 13" TV, card tables, projector, and misc. personal items.

GRAYLING TOWNSHIP NOTICE

Please be notified the Zoning Board of Appeals will hold a public hearing on May 15, 1995, at 7:00 pm, in the Township Office, 2090 Viking Way (M-72W), to hear the following cases:

Case #95-2: James Hilbrecht, petitioner. T26N, R4W, Sec. 1. Lot 77 Sherwood Forest #2 Sub. 710 Little John Ave. R-1 Zone.

A request to construct a 30' x 40' detached accessory building (1,200 sq. ft.), which exceeds the square footage of the ground floor level of the residence (936 sq. ft.), a variance of 264 sq. ft.

Case #95-3: Harlon & Judith McMillan, petitioners. T26N, R3W, Sec. 8, 1491 Rivendell. NRD Zone.

A request to construct a 12' x 34' addition to an existing residence. Closest point of new construction 37.5' from the river, a variance of 143' (includes 19.5' rise in bank).

Case #95-4: Julie Ryther, petitioner. T27N, R3W, Sec. 28, Lot 146 AuSable Woods #4 Sub. 3090 Palmer Place. NRD Zone

A request to construct a 10' x 20' deck on the front of a proposed residence. Closest point of construction 82' from the river, a variance of 8' (includes 10' rise in bank).

Tentative text and zoning maps may be examined at the Township Office during regular business hours.

Correspondence concerning the request should be directed to: Grayling Township, P.O. Box 521, Grayling, MI 49738. Telephone: (517) 348-4361.

Monica S. Ashton
Clerk

CITY OF GRAYLING BUDGET HEARING

The Grayling City Council will hold a public hearing for its 1995-96 budget on May 22, 1995, at 7:30 pm in the council chambers located at 103 S. James Street. All citizens are invited to attend and provide council with written and/or oral comments and ask questions concerning the city's proposed budget. The proposed budget can be inspected by the public from 8:30 am until 4:30 pm Monday thru Friday in the city clerk's office at City Hall. Handicapped persons needing assistance should contact the city office before the meeting by calling 348-2131.

MICHIGAN DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES REAL ESTATE DIVISION NOTICE OF AUCTION OF SURPLUS STATE LAND

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that, pursuant to the provisions of Section 5 of Act 86, P.A. 1989, and authorization by the Director of the Michigan Department of Natural Resources, State-owned land located in Crawford and Roscommon counties will be auctioned.

The auction will take place at the Department of Natural Resources Region II Headquarters, 8717 N. Roscommon Road, Roscommon Michigan on Wednesday, May 17, 1995. Bidder registration will begin at 1:30 pm. Auction will commence at 2 pm.

Department of Natural Resources policy prohibits sale of State-owned land to organizations which are discriminatory based upon race, sex, religion, or national origin. Appropriate documentation may be required.

The following properties are offered for sale:

PARCEL 1: Industrial property, 43.88 acres, m/vl, Crawford County.

Com. at S 1/4 cor., Sec. 32, T26N, R03W; th. E 153.25 feet along S line of Sec. 32 to point of beginning, being a point on the E right-of-way line of a Consumers Power Co. easement; N 00° 42'34" E 1,112.55 feet; E 1,358.87 feet parallel with S line of Sec. 32 to the SW'ly property line of the RR; S 32°21'10" E 1,315.88 feet along RR property line to S line of Sec. 32; W 2,077.35 feet along S line to point of beginning, reserving an easement for trail use the E 16 feet thereof.

MINIMUM BID: \$148,000.00

Parcel 2: Industrial property, 39.48 acres, m/vl, Crawford County.

NW 1/4 of NW 1/4 except that part lying S and W of former Penn Central RR right-of-way, Sec. 4, T26N, R03W.

MINIMUM BID: \$142,000.00

Parcel 3: Residential property, 10.00 acres, m/vl, improved with 1,074 sq. ft. home w/ attached garage, Roscommon County

S 660 feet of E 40 rods of SW 1/4 of NW 1/4, subject to a road easement over the E 30 feet thereof, also subject to an easement given to Consumers Power Co.

MINIMUM BID: \$50,000.00

It is recommended that all prospective purchasers do their own research as to suitability of the property for the purpose intended. It is also recommended that a personal inspection of the property be conducted. The State of Michigan makes no representations or claims as to: fitness for purpose; ingress/egress; conditions; covenants and/or restrictions.

CONDITIONS OF SALE:

1) A bid deposit of 10% of minimum bid is required of the successful bidder at the time of the auction.

2) Bids less than the minimum indicated or offers other than cash will not be accepted.

3) Successful bidder(s) for Parcel 1 and Parcel 2 will be required to invest a minimum of \$250,000.00 in improvements on each respective parcel within two years of closing.

4) State will reserve mineral rights and aboriginal antiquities.

Requests for information may be directed to:

ACT 86 AUCTION
DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES
REAL ESTATE DIVISION
P.O. BOX 30448
LANSING, MI 48909-7948
TEL: 517-373-8244
FAX: 517-335-3264

SYNOPSIS

Frederic Township Regular Board Meeting April 11, 1995

Meeting called to order by Supervisor Hulbert at 7:00 p.m. Members present: Hulbert, Bindschattel, Hammer and Sajdak. Absent: McLeod. There were three citizens present.

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NOTICE OF NEGOTIATED SALE OF SURPLUS LANDS

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, that pursuant to the provisions of Section 5 of Act 86, P.A. 1989, State Lands or rights in State Land in Crawford County will be placed on the agenda of the Michigan Natural Resources Commission for authorization by the Commission to be sold. The May meeting of the Michigan Natural Resources Commission will be held in Dearborn, Michigan at the following date, time and location:

May 10, 1995 4:30 pm - Hyatt Regency, Fairlane Town Center, Dearborn, Michigan.

The following described property in Crawford County is being placed on the agenda for authorization to be sold:

S 470 feet of E 520 feet of SE1/4 of SW1/4, Sec. 27, T27N, R01W - Crawford County.

PLEASE NOTE This notice is not a solicitation for bids. Special circumstances have created the need to release the listed property to the approved land exchange applicant. Negotiations concerning the terms of the sale have been completed with the applicant and will be submitted for approval before the Natural Resources Commission at the above meeting date.

LAST DAY OF REGISTRATION SCHOOL ELECTION

NOTICE OF LAST DAY OF REGISTRATION OF THE ELECTORS OF CRAWFORD AU SABLE SCHOOL DISTRICT CRAWFORD, OTSEGO AND KALKASKA COUNTIES, MICHIGAN

TO THE ELECTORS OF THE SCHOOL DISTRICT:

Please Take Notice that the annual school election of the school district will be held on Monday, June 12, 1995.

THE LAST DAY ON WHICH PERSONS MAY REGISTER WITH THE APPROPRIATE CITY OR TOWNSHIP CLERKS, IN ORDER TO BE ELIGIBLE TO VOTE AT THE ANNUAL SCHOOL ELECTION CALLED TO BE HELD ON MONDAY, JUNE 12, 1995, IS MONDAY, MAY 15, 1995. PERSONS REGISTERING AFTER 5 O'CLOCK IN THE EVENING ON MONDAY, MAY 15, 1995, ARE NOT ELIGIBLE TO VOTE AT THE ANNUAL SCHOOL ELECTION.

Persons planning to register with the respective city or township clerks must ascertain the days and hours on which the clerks' offices are open for registration.

This Notice is given by order of the board of education.

Keith J. Bobenmoyer
Secretary, Board of Education

NEWS SCHOOL

FREDERIC ELEMENTARY SCHOOL



EASTER ACTIVITIES--The Workers In Frederic held their annual Easter celebration at the Frederic Elementary School, on April 13. Small plastic-canvas baskets were given to each child and a slip in one for each grade, for a special gift, a larger basket, made for the Workers In Frederic by Nancy Baldwin. Winners were Jenny Dean, Felesia Patterson, Danielle Beckwith, Ruth Mills, Chris Stuck, Cody Partello, Shannon Terry, Chris Verlinde, Ashley Linkhart, Michele Belcher, Jessica Peterson and preschooler Adam Gabriel. The Workers In Frederic appreciate the teachers, staff, Mr. Nunn and special visitor Mr. Bunny, for the time allowed to do this entertaining event.

Egg decorating lessons



Jennifer Smith demonstrates the art of pysanky egg decorating to Mrs. Hughes 3rd grade at Frederic Elementary. Smith brought many eggs she has designed and decorated, including an ostrich egg. Students helped to decorate two eggs, which were given to the class by Smith.

LEGAL ACTION

STATE OF MICHIGAN PROBATE COURT COUNTY OF CRAWFORD CLAIMS NOTICE Independent Probate

File No. 95-5399-1B

Estate of GERARD P. DAOUST,
DECEASED SS NO. 362-12-1858.

TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS:

Your interest in the estate may be barred or
affected by the following:

The decedent, whose last known address was
1202 Robinhood Lane, Grayling, MI 49738,
died 4/23/95.

Creditors of the deceased are notified that all
claims against the estate will be forever barred
unless presented to the independent personal
representative, John P. Daoust, c/o David R.
Sabin, P.C., 115 Michigan Avenue, Grayling,
MI 49738, or to both the independent personal
representative and the Crawford County Probate
Court, Grayling, Michigan 49738, within 4
months of the date of publication of this notice.

Notice is further given that the estate will be
thereafter assigned and distributed to the persons
entitled to it.

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517-348-5588

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play.

Under the stage direction of Bambi
Mansfield and musical direction of

Karen Ross and assistant Gretchen
Ross, the students are ready to present
this hilarious look at what it really
means to be a child.

Some of the musical selections
include *Say Yes!*, *Means No*, and *I
Feel Sick*. The students also present
scenes explaining "How To Act In
School," "How To Play," and "How
To Act When Being Sent To Your
Room."

Tickets are \$3.50 each at the door.
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Head Start presents child-abuse workshop

North East Michigan Community
Services and the Grayling Head Start
Program invite you to attend a
workshop on child abuse. This
workshop will be presented by a
representative from the Department of
Social Services. There will also be a
video entitled, *Street Smart Kids*.

Head Start believes that all parents,
care takers, and educators of children

could benefit from this workshop.
They invite you to attend. The
workshop will be held on Thursday,
May 4, from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the
Grayling Head Start Center, 557
Business Loop I-75 North.

Head Start hopes you can attend.
For more information contact Sherry
Garner at 348-7639.

GRAYLING ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

Ryan Feldhauser

1st grade

April 24, 1995

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Trees are good for us.

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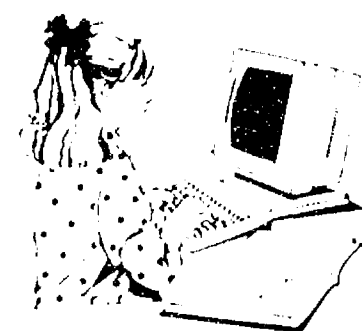
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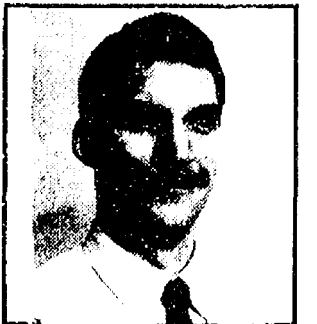
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NOTICE TO RESIDENTS OF GRAYLING TOWNSHIP

The annual spring date for the disposal of used household
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STATION** on North Down River Road, Saturday May 27, 1995, from 8
am to 1 pm.

NO COMMERCIAL APPLIANCES

NO TIRES

NO BATTERIES

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Remembrances of the big 1990 fire

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that I liked the forest. That's why I built there."

And he misses his friends who are no longer in the neighborhood, saying one of the biggest losses has been "the people that used to live by us—people who lost everything and moved away."

Wieland says what "ticked him off as much as anything else is that property taxes did not go down for those of us who didn't lose houses. The community lost millions of dollars in damages from the fire. Obviously, much of that should have come off. You can't tell me the value of my property didn't go down now that we're sitting out in the middle of a field."

DAVE AND PATTY HAWKINS

Patty Hawkins has found that five years don't begin to be enough to mute her memories of the horrible fire.

"I think every change in my life is because of what happened," says Hawkins from her new home in Grayling. "It's like the fire was yesterday. I still talk about it. I talk about it in the present tense because it had such a great impact on me. It's like it just happened. It doesn't seem like it was that long ago. Those feelings, smells, sounds, the trees exploding as we're standing there watching."

"It was not like having a house fire. It was seeing all the devastation around you," says Hawkins. "And there was so much mystery that night. I think they knew and didn't tell us that our neighborhood was burning. There was so much emotion and raw nerves. It was terrible."

Patty, husband Dave, children Laura and David and sister Maureen Jolly stood with the scores of other residents who had to watch the fire from behind a barricade placed on North Down River Road that Tuesday night. Although a few people found ways to break through and get to their homes, most were forced to wait until Wednesday or Thursday before being

allowed to return.

As the fire began its destructive course, Patty, Laura and David were grocery shopping in town.

"I ran into someone who lived out by us who said, 'What are you doing here? Your house is on fire.' I went to the phone and called all the neighbors. No one answered. I thought, 'That's good. Everything's okay; the phones work.'"

Dave, meanwhile, was at their home near Pine Road with Jolly, who was recuperating from an operation.

"He didn't know there was a fire until (a friend) called him. He left with (my sister), who didn't have her pills with her."

Used to forest fire "scars," Dave Hawkins didn't even shut the windows, assuming he and his sister-in-law would be returning in a few minutes. In actuality, the Hawkins didn't see their house again until Thursday morning, and couldn't move back in for more than a week.

One and a half days after the fire, they joined the long line of residents waiting in their cars for Gov. James Blanchard's tour of the burned area to be finished so they could be allowed back. The Hawkinses were told they could go in to retrieve Maureen's medication as long as they didn't bother the governor's group.

"Everything was so black," remembers Hawkins. "It was a horrifying sight—like driving into

Hell. Little fires were still smoldering. We walked in (the house). Everything was covered with soot; there was black everywhere. That was difficult to see. We cleaned with air purifiers. Everything, including every article of clothing, was washed from top to bottom. We got Maureen's purse and pills and left."

Hawkins is convinced that the fire precipitated the death of her husband, who collapsed and died of a heart attack just two months later.

"I'll say to my dying day that (the fire) hastened Dave's death—was one of the precursors to it—even though we didn't lose our house."

"A part of us died in that fire. We're as barren as those trees out there. There was so much devastation," says Hawkins. "Devastation all around us. Dave didn't talk about it or deal with it. You adjust, go on, rebuild. But still there's that feeling of loss, and no place to go to grieve it. That kind of stress has an impact, and when you don't talk about it, it's fuel for some sort of other problem. (People in the neighborhood) had a potluck dinner, but we should have done more. It was a disaster."

Hawkins is disappointed that the appearance of the area has not improved much in the years since the fire.

"Where are all the trees?" she asks. "I thought, in five years, things would

start greening up and looking better, but they're not. Still it's dark, dismal, depressing. Nothing has changed out there. I feel bad for the people who still live out there."

After Dave died, Hawkins decided to move away from the area, replete with bad memories. But she couldn't easily find a buyer.

"I had to sell the house at a substantial loss," she says. "I never thought I'd be able to sell it because of where it was. It was even hard for renters to adjust to what was around them. If it had been any place else, I would have sold it quickly. But I'm grateful I sold it. Dave said we should have let that house burn. He didn't say too much, but he said that."

"Moving to a new house, with all its trees, was like a gift from God," said Hawkins. "It was the property that sold me. The house was secondary."

As with the Wielands, Hawkins' property taxes stayed the same after the fire.

"They didn't lower our property taxes. There was a lot of discussion about that among property owners."

While she says she is certain they would still be living in their former home if Dave were still alive, she is happy not to be there anymore.

"I'm just glad I don't have to go out there anymore," she says. "Each time I go there, I'm filled with sadness. We had so many memories there. We had our children out there."

Naturalists, businesses continue fight over highway billboards

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Environmentalists call them "eyesores" and want to ban them, but tourism groups argue eliminating them will devastate Michigan's multi-million-dollar tourism industry.

The fight is over highway billboards and whether they help motorists or clutter the landscape.

"Nobody wants a state full of billboards, but they are an essential advertising tool," said Dee Clark-Bodell, executive director of the Michigan Hotel, Motel and Resort Association. "Tourism is Michigan's second largest industry, and the industry relies on billboards."

Barry Neal, owner of the House of Flavors Restaurants in west Michigan, said billboards are an effective, inexpensive form of advertising that is convenient for travelers and tourism businesses.

"It's important for businesses to get travelers to stop as many times as possible when they go from point A to point B—billboards do that," he said. "It's not like there are signs everywhere, but we need billboards."

The Michigan Department of Transportation (MDOT) issues permits for highway billboards, and according to the department's records, there were almost 16,000 billboards in the state in 1993. Federal law, MDOT regulations and local zoning ordinances restrict the size, location and number of billboards both on and off business sites.

Michigan United Conservation

Clubs (MUCC), the nation's largest, non-profit, state conservation group, complained the restrictions are not enough.

"In so many areas, driving down the road is like driving through the yellow pages," said Pamela A. Frucci, a member of the MUCC Billboard Control Task Force. "We have to get rid of the commercial, hard-sell tactic on highways."

"These things are just hideous eyesores."

Using a single, smaller "logo sign" that shows symbols for the various businesses in a town or at an exit would preserve Michigan's beauty, help small businesses that cannot afford billboards and still attract tourists, Frucci said.

Billboard opponents are lobbying state lawmakers in hopes of introducing a billboard ban, Frucci said.

MUCC has sent recommendations to travel Bureau commissioners asking them to discuss the billboard ban at the 11th annual Governor's Conference on Tourism May 2-3.

Prominent Michigan citizens, such as Attorney General Frank J. Kelley and Helen Milliken, wife of former Gov. William G. Milliken, have joined the fight to eliminate billboards.

Richard Jameson, MUCC assistant executive director, said the fight against outdoor advertising is gaining strength because people realize billboards destroy Michigan's natural beauty.

"Some of these signs are hideous,"

he said. "One of the main attractions of Michigan is the scenic beauty, and we have to protect it from this visual pollution."

Billboard opponents argue eliminating billboards will not devastate the tourism industry.

Frucci said Alaska, Maine, Vermont, Hawaii and more than 1,000 cities in several other states have banned billboards without losing tourism dollars.

"The state should be both clean and green," Frucci said. "That's what will bring travelers here, not the big, ugly billboards."

Travel Bureau Commissioner Tom Condon of Silver City, said billboards actually beautify some areas of the state.

"Some of the highway areas are pretty unattractive," he said. "There's a lot of urban blight to hide, and a billboard can be a real blessing."

Jameson said a billboard ban would not only make the state more attractive, but it also would give businesses of every size equal access to travelers because their logos would appear on the same sign.

"Logo signs will even the playing field for Joe's Diner that could never afford to buy the billboard and compete with a bigger chain restaurant," Jameson said.

Dean Smith, general manager of the Holiday Inn in Grayling, said banning billboards and using logo signs will hurt, not help, small restaurants, motels and other tourist attractions.

"It wouldn't hurt a bigger company like us as much as it would hurt a mom and pop motel or Joe's Diner because they have no brand recognition," he said. "Without more information than the logo, people will stick to the names and the logos that they're familiar with."

Sandra Gibbs, general manager of Gibbs Country House Restaurant in Ludington, said smaller businesses might also have a hard time even getting on logo signs because space will be limited.

"How big will you have to be, how much political clout will you have to use to get on a logo sign?" Gibbs asked.

Smith said logo signs also would hurt small businesses because they will not be able to keep up when their larger competitors shift to other advertising, which is usually more expensive than outdoor advertising.

Smith estimated 24-hour-a-day, seven-day-a-week billboard advertising in the Crawford County area costs about \$400 per month compared to limited broadcast advertising that costs about \$600 each month.

"Dollar for dollar, I think billboard advertising is the best way to get out the word on what we have to offer," he said. "There's just no comparison."

"For many businesses in small towns, a billboard ban would be devastating."

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